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Maternity and A&E services under review

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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FEARS are growing that maternity and A&E services could be reduced at Milton Keynes Hospital.

Those involved in a review of hospital services across the region have moved to reassure patients that services will not be lost, but those needing specialist treatments on these wards may have to travel elsewhere.

Last year, MK NEWS exclusively revealed that a review, now called Healthier Together, was taking place to see how services could be shared between Milton Keynes, Bedford, Luton and Dunstable, Northampton and Kettering hospitals.

Now we can reveal the review group is considering two models for the future structure – both include a reduction of services in maternity and A&E at two of the five hospitals, although exact locations have not yet been announced.

A spokesman for the review said these two sites would have a 'midwife-led' service that could handle uncomplicated births, but if any specialist care was needed expectant mums would need to go to one of the other three sites.

Likewise for A&E, 80 per cent of patients at the two sites could be treated in the same way but those needing more specialist care would need to go to 'consultant-led' units at the other three sites.

A survey was recently carried out in Milton Keynes as part of the review to see what expectant mums think about the possibility of travelling for better care – but again the review group insisted this was not a precursor to the city having a reduced service.

The local Labour Party is now campaigning against these changes, saying that even if MK Hospital were one of the three sites not to lose services, it would have a greater strain placed on its resources.

Labour Parliamentary spokesman Andrew Pakes said: "I am concerned about what the Healthier Together proposals mean for local hospitals. As a growing city we need greater resources but these proposals suggest that patients might have to travel further to get the care they need.

"I do not believe that people voted to downgrade our maternity unit or reduce A&E provision. We know that two hospitals face cuts, but not which ones. The Healthier Together team need to come clean and say which hospitals face cuts.

"It is clear that the driving force behind this review is meeting tough financial constraints imposed by the Government. This will mean huge changes with patients forced to travel further."

Healthier Together says it has not decided on locations for the models, and that any changes would need to go to a public consultation for a minimum of 12 weeks.

A spokesman said: "This is all about providing the right level of care at the right place at the right time. I know there's inevitable fear, but this is a clinician-led programme, led by doctors not bureaucrats. Our principle aim is to improve outcomes for patients.

"We are not considering locations for any of these services yet – we are looking at the whole of the south midlands.

"There's a shortage of specialist doctors in several key areas including maternity and A&E, and none of our hospital sites meets the recommended level of consultant staffing at present. So the conclusions are these limited services would be better used concentrated on fewer sites.

"We are anxious to hear from local people about these models. We will put together some detailed proposals that will be the subject of a formal public consultation, likely to take place early in the new year."

Sally Gunnell hurdles into MK to open a new 24-hour gym

The Olympics returned for one day only to Milton Keynes on Tuesday as 400 metre hurdles gold-medal winner Sally Gunnell OBE opened a new gym in CMK.

Along with Snap Fitness CEO and founder Peter Taunton, pictured right, the Barcelona Olympics champion tested out equipment at the new gym on South Row, and cut the ribbon.

Snap Fitness is planning on opening 100 clubs across the UK within the next five years, creating more than 500 jobs in the process.

The new gym in CMK boasts 24-hour access seven days a week via electronic key card entry, and cardio and weight training equipment.

Statue in memory of city business couple

Statue: The artwork can now be seen near the Peace Pagoda

Memory: Souls In Love has been installed at Willen Lake North, donated by and in memory of Tony Sellers, left, and his wife Debbie

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A STATUE donated by and in memory of two of the city's leading entrepreneurs has been installed on the shores of Willen Lake.

Called Souls In Love, the piece of public art was donated by husband and wife team Tony and Debbie Sellers, who died within five months of each other. It is situated near the Peace Pagoda.

Created by Oxford artist Frederic Chevarin, he says the sculpture represents 'the deepest love'.

"Not just two bodies and two minds, but two souls, entwined in one single movement. Although they are individual people, we can at the same time perceive them as a unity whose love cannot be broken.

"I have chosen to carve the sculpture in white superior Carrara marble because its colour and smoothness helps conveying the ideas of lightness, freedom from the worldly constraint, and happiness that I felt paramount to the project.

"The marble also lends itself to be worked in gentle curves that complement its colour and smoothness."

The couple were well known in Milton Keynes, after founding community portal website www.mkweb.co.uk.

Debbie, 54, died peacefully in her sleep this time last year at Willen Hospice, after an 18-month battle with cancer.

Then husband Tony, 57, died following a heart attack on February 28 after he started training for a 700-mile run across Europe to raise money for the hospice where Debbie spent her last days.

Following discussions with The Parks Trust, the site was chosen for the statue as Tony and Debbie always enjoyed Willen Lake and the surrounding area.

Councillors didn't pay council taxes

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FOUR Milton Keynes councillors have been summonsed to court for non-payment of council tax in the last two years, MK NEWS can exclusively reveal.

In one case the amount owed was £1,358.82 – just under the average amount for a whole year in a band D property in the city. The other amounts owed were £768, £336 and £169.

In the last two years eight of the 51 elected members were also sent council tax reminders for varying amounts, and one was sent a final reminder for £1,088.

The identities and parties of the councillors cannot be disclosed due to data protection.

Elected members would not be entitled to vote on budget decisions unless they are fully paid up on their Council Tax. Currently nothing is owed to the council and no members are being pursued for unpaid tax.

All three main party leaders said they did not know if any of their members were those who were sent court summonses.

Council and Conservative Party leader Andrew Geary said: "Councillors should be treated no differently to any other citizen in Milton Keynes. Of course they should be setting the example, but everyone should be paying tax on time. I know sometimes there are genuine reasons why people receive council tax reminders, and that there are circumstances where sometimes things will slip through the net."

The council's Labour leader Norman Miles said: "Of course in an ideal world we should set an example, but out of 51 councillors over two years you might have instances where some are forgetful, slow, or in difficulty."

Liberal Democrat leader Douglas McCall said it could be a 'symptom of the austere times in which we live'.

FARE DEAL: Will Pearce and Nick Osgood with their 20-year-old taxi, which was bought for just £350

3,000-mile trek in banger taxi

TWO friends are preparing to trek 3,000 miles around Europe in an old Hackney Carriage that already has 352,000 miles on the clock.

Community policeman Will Pearce, 26, and 25-year-old nursing assistant Nick Osgood will soon be undertaking the dirty-sounding Scum Run, which challenges teams to drive a banger to unknown destinations on a four-day tour around Europe for charity.

Will, who works at Wolverton Police Station, said: "You just don't know where you are going or where you'll end up."

To learn more about the duo, see www.justiving.com/Will-PearceNick-osgood.

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Petition submitted

RESIDENTS of a retirement village are to submit a petition at a cabinet meeting tomorrow. People living at Lovat Fields Village have signed the petition against people making right turns into the housing estate.

Warden is pride of MK

A NEIGHBOURHOOD warden working for Milton Keynes Council has won a place in the national finals of a contest to recognise outstanding work in the community. Rob Harriman was the regional winner of the Pride of Britain awards for his work in the city – working with local police and other partners to make the area a safer place. He will now go forward to the finals held later this year.

Homeless fallout is resolved

HOMELESS families can now be housed after councillors reached an agreement on the use of 41 completed or soon-to-be-built homes in Oxley Park.

There was a dispute between Conservatives and their opposition over how much rent should be paid by council tenants, but that now appears to have been solved.

That means around 100 people including families who are living in bed and breakfast accommodation can now start moving in.

Most will move into 26 completed homes immediately, with the remainder moving as soon as the new homes are built.

Two jailed for attempted robbery

TWO people have been imprisoned after being found guilty of an attempted robbery in Milton Keynes.

James Hoskins, 28, and Joanna Doolan, 24, both from Two Mile Ash, approached their victim as he was cycling home from the Open University Campus in Walton Hall, last May. They demanded money. The victim managed to get away to the university's security lodge.

Hoskins also pleaded guilty to assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

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Putting the record straight on Labour

SIR – May I be permitted to correct John Baker`s re-writing of history in his letter regarding the increase in VAT (MK Letters, October 10).

John Baker stated "the last Labour government spent a decade – years before the banking crisis – running up huge deficits".

It is evident that Mr Baker has never looked at the actual statistics.

For the record, the Labour administration period from 1997 to the time of the banking crisis included 3 years of surpluses of up to 1.9% of GDP (Gross Domestic Product), followed by a breakeven year, and then 6 years of deficits in the 2.3 to 3.3% range.

To put such deficits in context, in the majority of the 18 years of Conservative governments up to 1997 deficits were significantly higher.

David R Newens
Great Linford

What is the cost of leisure centre lifts?

SIR – I see that work has started on installing a lift to the floors of the car park at Bletchley Leisure Centre.

However, the questions is , why was the lift not included in the original plans, when it was obviously going to be needed.

I understand that the cost is being borne by the residents of Milton Keynes when the cost could have be covered by the original grant.

I would be interested to know how much this will cost and whether anyone was at fault during the planning stage?

Alan Kilminster
Sent by e-mail

Make sure you always check the small print

SIR – As people get older, many are turning to equity-release schemes. These are plans where a person can 'tap into' the value 'stored up' in their home. Most schemes offer the opportunity to take cash out to pay for a better retirement.

The basic idea is that money is borrowed against the value of the home, like a mortgage but without the monthly repayments. The money is only repaid when the customer dies or the house is sold, for example, if that person decides to go into care.

Anyone considering one of these should beware the small print and check it's crystal clear first. There are plenty of cases where individuals have been stung for fees they just didn't understand they were going to have to pay. This can include early-repayment charges if you happen to be unfortunate enough to die, and administration fees – all buried away in the small print.

It is immoral that these people, or their children, should be forced to pay 'hidden' fees because the facts of their plan were obscured from them.

And it is not good enough to say 'Well, it is down there – why didn't you read it?' Companies who behave in this way know exactly what they are doing when they 'hide' the facts in jargon-filled small print.

This has been going on for years – and it is time for it to stop. We would call on all companies within the industry to provide clear documents. This is particularly important where the costs of a scheme are concerned.

Chrissie Maher
Plain English Campaign

11,000 meals raised in local charity appeal

SIR – On Saturday and Sunday October 6-7, customers at Sainsbury's Milton Keynes & Bletchley donated food to provide 5,500 meals to feed people suffering food poverty in the UK. Sainsbury's matched each meal donated, so the total reached 11,000. The Million Meal Appeal is run with Sainsbury's charity partner FareShare, a national charity tackling hunger and food waste. A massive two million meals have been donated this year, including Sainsbury's matching – double the target. Our thanks to everyone.

Andy White
Head of Community Affairs, Sainsbury's

Your views on concrete cows

A selection of your comments from mk-news.co.uk. See p20

How could it cost £2000 to repaint the cows, leave them as they are and when people get bored again maybe they will repaint them free of charge.
Gary

Isn't it good that creativity is alive and well in MK! These cows were in desperate need of painting and someone has done it for free!! The council should embrace this and not make silly threats.
Peter K

This isn't graffiti, this is art. Whoever painted these has talent. I don't think it was done as an attempt to cause damage, but to create something, or make a point. Why use our money to repaint when they look good?
Philippa Moorr

Halloween cows I like. Why not invite a local street artist to repaint them every 3 months or so. No tags... just art. MK needs too move forward open our mind to new art be brave?
Mark

The person who painted these should be paid £2000. Fantastic!
Luke

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

Halloween is more trick than treat for me

NOT long now till the clocks go back – yes, an extra hour in bed, but it officially becomes winter.

Shorter days, darker nights, Halloween, Guy Fawkes and before we know it, Christmas. It just seems so long before summer comes around again.

There are many arguments for and against changing the clocks, although personally I'd like to see us stay on summer hours.

But it is Trick Or Treat that really gets my goat at this time of year. On the one hand, it's groups of children – and hopefully a responsible adult – dressing up and having fun in their neighbourhood. But on the other hand it is something much more sinister; the elderly too terrified to open their front door, vandals and bullies using it as an excuse to terrorise people in the street and a load of greedy kids stuffing their faces with sweets.

Of all the American "traditions" to come to this country, I despise this the most. Yes, have a Halloween themed party, but don't inflict your 'fun' on those sat behind closed doors who don't want to join in.

Firework displays in November are more my cup of tea, but with the sale of fireworks, you don't seem to be able to avoid the idiots who think it's okay to let bangers off throughout the night.

I think there are two solutions for surviving this time of year – a holiday home in the Canary Islands, or a cardboard box under the stairs. Wake me up in the spring!

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Teacher banned from UK schools

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A TEACHER has been banned from the country's classrooms by a senior Government minister following his conduct at a city school.

Education secretary Michael Gove last week issued a Prohibition Order which will ban Phillip Yourell, 46, from teaching indefinitely in any school, Sixth Form College, relevant youth accommodation or children's home in England.

It comes after a Teaching Agency disciplinary panel found him guilty of 'unacceptable professional conduct' while employed at Portfields School in Newport Pagnell, from which he was dismissed for gross misconduct in 2006.

Yourell failed to disclose a string of court convictions, for offences between 1979 and 1989, when applying for the post including assaulting police, wounding, and multiple counts of theft.

The disciplinary panel also found he formed an attachment to a pupil's mother and showed favouritism to the boy.

The panel added that while employed at the school on many occasions he was rude, aggressive and intimidating, and that he used a school laptop for running private businesses.

Yourell is said to have accepted some of the allegations, in particular the convictions, but to have denied behaving in a way that constitutes unacceptable professional conduct.

Giving the decision on behalf of the Secretary of State, Teaching Agency deputy director Alan Meyrick said: "This is a very serious case. Mr Yourell has been found guilty of a range of behaviours which amount to unacceptable professional conduct."

He now has the right to appeal to the High Court.

Big laughs: Sitcom star Miranda Hart will be appearing at WH Smith in thecentre:mk on Saturday

Comedienne Mirandas into MK

FUNNYGIRL and sitcom star Miranda Hart will be heading to the city to sign new copies of her book.

The star of the self-titled BBC1 show as well as Not Going Out will be meeting her fans at WH Smith on Midsummer Arcade in thecentre:mk at 11am on Saturday.

Her book Is It Just Me? is a reflection of her own life, and a guide to her 18-year-old self as a way to navigate adult life.

To find out who else is lined up to do signings at the store over the coming weeks, including a teenage-girl-pleasing band and a singing contest show winner-cum-chart-topper, visit www.mk-news.co.uk.

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Curry on your mind

IF YOU want a real ghoulish feast this Halloween, how about trying Brain Masala? The unusual and daunting dish is on offer at Silk Road in CMK, for free, to diners on October 31. It consists of cow brain lightly stir fried with spices.

Free cancer kits

MP MARK Lancaster is hoping to highlight the importance of self examination as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month after a visit to a city medical business. Screenetics has developed a breast self-examination glove which can help to note any physical changes, and is offering free kits throughout this month for anyone who books a screening. Call 0800 014 1982.

Council seeks £200m partner

THE council is tendering for a £200million contract to look after the city's infrastructure.

Milton Keynes Council has invited contractors to bid for a 10-year contract for the maintenance of its roads, bridges and street lighting.

The contract will replace complex arrangement of around 50 external contracts and a small amount of work performed by council departments. It is intended to be in place by April 2014.

Councillor for transport John Bint said: "We will achieve major improvements to all our roads, street lighting and bridges and long-term value for money."

Have your say on cycling future

NOW is your chance to have a say on the council's future cycling initiatives and policies.

The consultation is open for Milton Keynes Council's Draft Cycling Strategy, and it needs your comments before it is fully ratified.

The strategy sets out the council's plans for cycling in the future, and outlines initiatives to encourage people to get on their bikes as well as maintaining and improving the current infrastructure such as redways, shelters and racks.

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Under threat: Shelter's office in Milton Keynes could close down unless additional funding can be found

Homeless charity office facing axe

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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A HOMELESS charity could be forced to close its office in Milton Keynes due to Government cuts.

Now Councillor Nigel Long, who was the first volunteer at the Milton Keynes branch, wants to see the council plug the funding gap to ensure it stays open.

He said: "It would be a great loss to the city if Shelter had to close.

"The council should help with funding to keep the office open. If it closed it would create problems for the council because people would look to them for help with their housing problems and in the long run that would probably cost the council more."

But Conservative cabinet member for housing, Peter Geary, explained that this is not a viable option.

He said: "Shelter is experiencing problems nationally and hasn't come to us to ask for help.

"Council funding isn't a bottomless pit and if we were to give money to Shelter we would have to take it from somewhere else.

"It's our job to make sure that if the office does close we make sure the work that they did is picked up by other bodies."

Shelter offers advice on housing, debt and benefits to people in the city but Government cuts to legal aid mean fewer housing and social welfare cases will be eligible for funding and this pays for a large part of the charities work.

Campbell Robb, chief executive of Shelter, said: "We are currently consulting staff on the impact to their services through the Government's decision to make huge cuts to legal aid which we campaigned against.

"If this service has to close as a result it will be a massive blow not only to our staff, but to the people who will no longer be able to get face-to-face advice and support from Shelter."

People can still get help with housing problems through Shelter's helpline and website.

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Lights switch-on

THE date has been set for this year's Christmas lights switch-on in Bletchley. On November 24 Stanier Square will be feeling festive with a lantern parade arriving at 5.15pm and then Santa will turn on the lights. The lanterns have all been made by schools and community groups. Visit www.bftc.co.uk.

Pupils in driving seat

SCHOOL children are being given the opportunity to learn how to drive responsibly through a council initiative which offers places at the Mercedes-Benz Driving Academy at Silverstone. A number of Milton Keynes secondary schools took up the council's offer of free places for their students on these RoadSense driving courses. The hands-on educational scheme is running until Friday and was visited by the Mayor of Milton Keynes, Councillor Catriona Morris on Monday.

Benefit cheat is jailed after claiming £22.8k

A WOMAN who pocketed thousands in housing benefits has been jailed for four months.

Zeba Sultana (32), was also ordered to pay the council £15,700 compensation and £3,000 in prosecution costs when she appeared before Amersham Crown Court on Monday.

The court heard that in total she claimed £22,851.02 in Housing and Council Tax Benefits while living in a property owned by her husband in Duncombe Street, Bletchley.

The judge warned that if she did not pay back the outstanding debt within five and a half months she would face a further jail sentence.

Stolen jewellery sparks alert

RESIDENTS are warned to keep their homes safe after jewellery was taken during a burglary.

Between 8.15am and 5.55pm on Thursday offenders forced entry into a property in Cline Court, Crownhill, by smashing a patio door window.

Once inside they stole a safe containing documents and a substantial amount of jewellery.

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Views wanted on jobs boost plans

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PEOPLE living on the borders of a planned business park which could bring 18,000 jobs to the area are being asked for their views on the scheme.

Councillors for Newport Pagnell are surveying their constituents over the potentially huge development.

As revealed by MK NEWS last week, a proposal for the business park, which would be south of the town next to junction 14 of the M1, has been submitted by development company Berkeley Group as a response to Milton Keynes Council's 'Core Strategy' plan for the city.

Consisting of large warehouses, offices and a riverside park, the development would be called Milton Keynes East (MKE).

Newport Pagnell councillors are now trying to work out how to best represent their residents by finding out how people feel about the plan.

Leader of the Liberal Democrats and Newport Pagnell South councillor Douglas McCall said: "We want to know what people think.

"On the one hand it could block up roads and junction 14 of the motorway, but on the other side of the coin it would bring 18,000 jobs and a country park.

"If the majority think it's a great idea then we will represent their views correctly."

Leader of Milton Keynes Council, Andrew Geary, said that Conservative Sherington councillor Keith McLean has also been looking at the issue, as the development would actually fall within his ward.

He said: "Keith and I have spoken about it. Naturally he will want to look after the communities he represents, so he will be doing that.

"Both he and I have taken the view that we need to look at the proposal and see where we go from there."

The plan, along with the rest of the Core Strategy, is currently with the national Planning Inspector for her to make her representations.

Survey: Newport Pagnell councillors at the site of the proposed plan

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Virgin asked to carry on as rail row grows

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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VIRGIN is being asked by the Government to continue to run the rail line through the city as the local Labour Party calls for a totally independent inquiry into the franchise mess.

On Monday the Government announced it is negotiating with the current West Coast Mainline operator to remain in place for another nine to 13 months, while two inquiries take place into why the franchise competition was not carried out correctly.

And now Andrew Pakes, the city's Labour Parliamentary spokesman, has called for an independent investigation.

He said: "The cost of this shambles already looks likely to hit £100million with ministers scrambling around to blame civil servants and avoid the flack. We need clarity about what this decision means for passengers in Milton Keynes and who will pick up the tab for the extra franchise rounds."

But MP for Milton Keynes South Iain Stewart, who is a member of the Transport Select Committee in Westminster, said the main thing is reliable services will continue for now.

He added: "Longer-term, it is vital that the franchise process is reviewed thoroughly to make sure that the improvements planned to train services are delivered quickly and are sustainable. We should not lose sight of the fact that the new franchise will deliver better rail services for MK. As a member of the transport committee in Parliament, I will be playing a key scrutiny role to make sure that happens."

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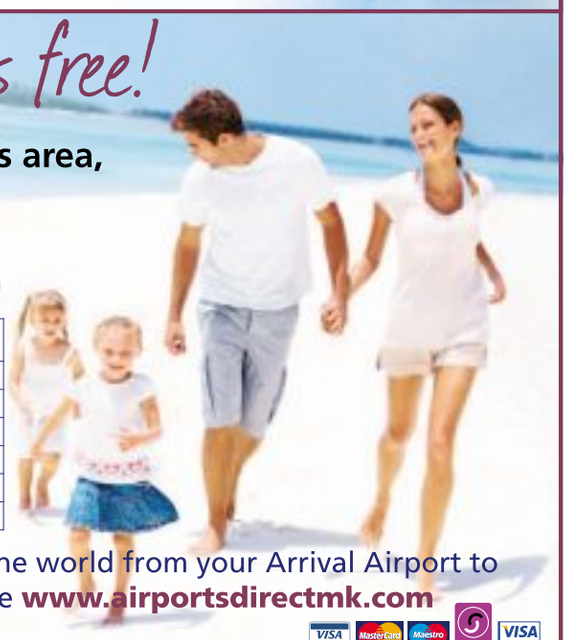

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Tax change could mean £180 extra

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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HOUSEHOLDS currently receiving council tax benefit could soon be paying an average of £180 extra per year.

That is because changes to the way the benefit is administered and paid for come into force in April 2013.

As revealed last week by MK NEWS, the Government is cutting the amount it provides to Milton Keynes Council to cover the cost of the benefit by around £3million next year.

This means the council needs to find a way to fill this gap – and that could mean the majority of people currently on benefits having to pay a contribution towards their council tax.

Cabinet member for finance, councillor Edith Bald, said there are 13,000 people of working age who currently receive council tax benefit and if Milton Keynes followed other local authorities and asked everyone of these to contribute around 20 per cent towards council tax, this would result in a charge of about £15 per month per property, which varies depending on the type of property.

She added: "Consultation responses were supportive of this approach and also favoured a scheme which provides an incentive to work."

The changes also allow for local authorities to amend council tax discounts and exemptions for second homes and empty properties, so Cllr Bald said they are also looking at how this could help bridge the £3million gap.

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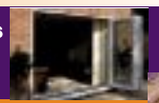

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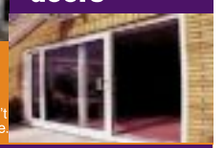

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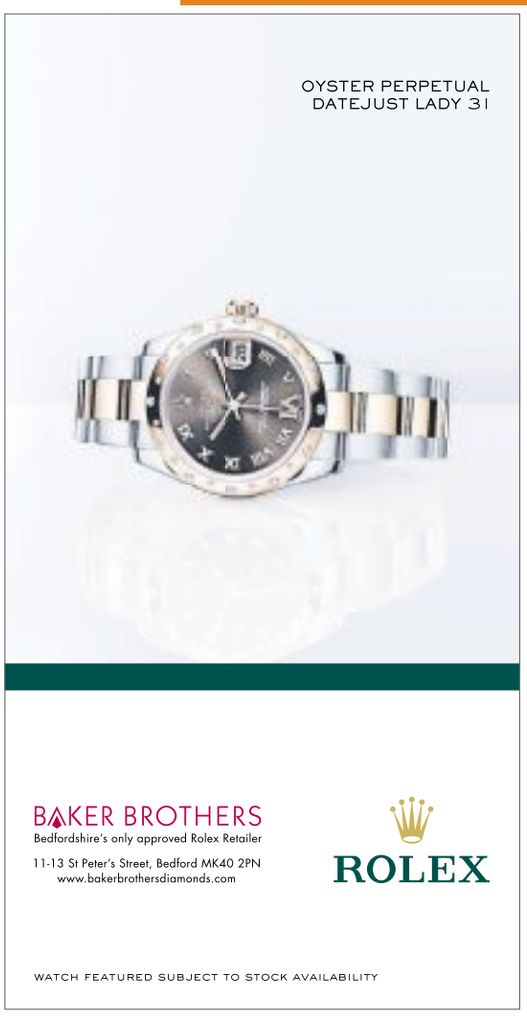

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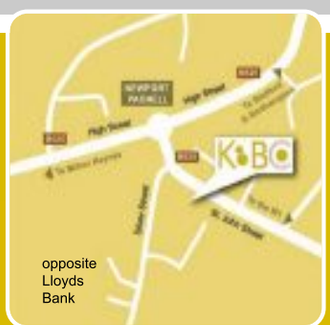

House fire leaves family distraught

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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FIREFIGHTERS battled a fierce house blaze believing that a family was trapped inside.

Crews were called to the fire in Astlethorpe, Two Mile Ash, at 5.16pm on Sunday. The fire, which is believed to have started in a first-floor bedroom, spread to the roof of the house.

Initially it was feared that people were inside the house so two crews searched the property. They encountered severe heat but managed to beat the fire down in the bedroom and search for casualties.

Firefighter Dave Norris said: "The fire was well-established when the crews arrived. Flames were coming through the upstairs windows, and thick yellow smoke was pulsing out from the entire roofline.

"The fire rapidly developed in the roof structure and officers outside the premises noticed signs of collapse. All personnel outside sounded evacuation whistles, and the breathing apparatus crews quickly evacuated to safety."

Allison and Richard Bygrave have lived in the house for 27 years and were on holiday in the Seychelles when the fire started. Their daughter, Kate Bygrave, 26, who also lives in the house, said: "I was at work when I got the call and I had to rush back.

"It's devastating; you don't expect it to happen to you and all these thoughts started rushing through my head, I was thinking 'did I leave the iron on?'

"My parents were upset because it's destroyed our loft which is where all my grandparents stuff is and potentially we've lost everything.

"Our neighbours have been really supportive. I think I could be fed for the next year with the amount of offers I've had and even people who moved off the street 10 years ago have come back to offer their help."

Miss Bygrave added: "My sister lives with us and she's on holiday so I had to break the news.

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Blaze: Huge holes in the roof reveal the terrible damage left by the fire

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£15k boost for shop that helps community

BY DAN PALMER
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A COMMUNITY shop staffed by adults with learning difficulties has received a huge boost with improvements and new equipment worth £15,000.

The facility at Camphill Milton Keynes Communities (CMKC), which has been running since July, has been spruced up with specialist retail displays, supplied a cash desk, free standing displays for the sales floor and back-of-house storage shelving.

The shop sells a range of organic goods, fresh bread, books, pottery and even natural medicine.

There's also a range of products from Camphill's weaving, basket-making and arts & crafts workshops.

Adults living at the site in Willen Park, as well as day visitors with learning difficulties, are able to adopt new skills and interact with customers by working in the store.

The idea is that by providing Camphill's users with a job, it helps them feel integrated into the wider community.

Rodrigo Ferreira, business development manager at Camphill, said: "This is an exciting time for everyone at Camphill Milton Keynes Communities.

"We are confident the shop will become part of the landscape of Milton Keynes and enable the community at large to enjoy the best of our produce and learn about all that we do at Camphill."

A company called Alan Nuttall Ltd has provided the new installations, and now the hope is that more people will discover the shop to see what it has to offer.

Nino Calandra, Alan Nuttall's CEO, said: "It has been a pleasure to be involved in such a worthy project.

"The shop is a fantastic addition for the community and it will benefit a number of adults living with learning difficulties."

The shop opened in July and is the latest in a long line of initiatives at Camphill.

The objective of Camphill is to be a 'living and working community where people with learning disabilities may reach their full potential'.

Community shop: Andreea Albai, shop co-ordinator, with residents Lee and Steven inside the new community shop at CMKC

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Officials told to park permit plan

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PLANS by council officials to introduce parking permits on a city estate have left residents angry.

According to Milton Keynes Council, people working in Central MK are parking in nearby estates and causing problems. But residents of Conniburrow Boulevard and surrounding streets say this is not the case.

More than 100 people have now signed a petition against the parking permits, which would be enforced between 9 and 11am and from 2-4pm.

Anita Squires, 44, of Conniburrow Boulevard, who set up the petition, said: "I'm against the parking permits because they're just not needed so it's a waste of money.

"We've had letters to tell us these parking permits are coming into force and that's the first we've heard of it. Nobody consulted us and we don't want them.

"When I've spoken to the council they've said 'what about people parking there when they do their Christmas shopping?' But that's not a problem for us and even if it was, opening hours are later over Christmas and these permits wouldn't cover that time period."

Petition: Residents Joy Cowell, *left*, Martin Wells and Anita Squires

A similar scheme is already in place in some parts of Bradwell Common and Conniburrow but it is being rolled out to the whole area from October 29.

Mrs Squires said: "I can understand why people in other parts of Conniburrow would need parking permits but they're just not needed here and a lot of the residents don't understand that they're compulsory so they won't be applying for them."

Drivers who do not live in the permit-restricted areas can still park in the area for up to 30 minutes and visitors' permits can be requested.

A spokesman for Milton Keynes Council said: "This scheme is a pilot scheme and will run for a year and residents are encouraged to make comments on this scheme to the council.

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Second 100 homes plan is defeated

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AROUND 120 people campaigning against a proposed housing development were celebrating on Thursday night after the application was thrown out.

Storey Homes was hoping to build 102 homes on a site near Woburn Sands, despite having already been turned down for a similar application on the same patch.

But the developer tasted defeat again when Milton Keynes Council's planning committee took heed of more than 300 letters of objection and decided to reject the proposal.

David Hopkins, ward councillor for the area and mayor of Woburn Sands, said: "This was a most unwelcome application with no basis in terms of planning and which met no defined need as established and defined within local planning documents."

The committee declined the proposal as the patch of land, bordering Deethe Farm in Cranfield Road, is deemed to be in open countryside, and is not earmarked for residential housing in the council's local plan.

The developer did not have any representatives at the planning meeting.

Nick Luke, a local resident who has campaigned against all of the company's proposals, said: "It really was an own goal as Storey's representatives pulled out, having decided not to put their case to the committee."

The residents' campaign was also backed by MP for Milton Keynes South Iain Stewart.

The company now has the option to appeal the council's decision through the national Planning Inspector or could submit a third plan – but campaigners have vowed to fight on against any new proposals.

Taking the mic: Singer Georgia Boyd

Georgia's got 02 show on her mind

A SCHOOLGIRL has reached the regional finals of a national singing competition.

Fifteen-year-old Georgia Boyd from Kingsmead has reached the second stage of the Open Mic UK 2012 competition, which could see her perform in a final at the O2 Arena.

But for now the Hazeley Academy pupil will be appearing at the Bedford Corn Exchange on October 21 for the next round.

She said: "I'm feeling quite confident - but I don't get that nervous until the day."

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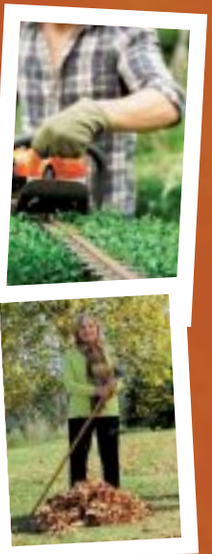

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Car park lift to open soon

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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LONG-SUFFERING car park users will soon get a lift when a much-needed elevator is opened.

As previously reported by MK NEWS, local residents and councillors were campaigning to have the lift installed at the car park for Bletchley Leisure Centre.

Campaigners said the car park was too difficult to use for disabled people and for those with children, as they would have to walk on the ramps as they couldn't use the stairs.

But now a lift has been installed and is set to open later this month.

Town councillor Liz Campbell said: "We are absolutely delighted that the council has seen sense.

"It will make a huge difference to anyone using the car park.

"I'm able-bodied, and even for me parking on the fourth floor and walking up and down with shopping is not particularly easy, so for anyone who is disabled or with children it was almost impossible."

Milton Keynes Council said the installation of the new lift follows a period of consultation.

Almost ready: The lift has now been installed at Bletchley Leisure Centre car park

Double joy for sunflower kids

A SCHOOL can lay claim to the tallest sunflower for the second year in a row.

Caroline Haslett Primary School in Shenley Lodge has triumphed again in The Parks Trust's annual competition, with a huge 4.47-metre tall flower.

The runners-up this year were Tickford Park Primary School in Newport Pagnell and Newton Blossomville C of E School.

The winning school was awarded a variety of wildlife prizes including a bird box with a digital camera and a specially commissioned trophy painting of a sunflower.

Caroline Haslett headteacher Ian Fergus said: "We are delighted to have repeated our success of last year."

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Should scary cows

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THERE'S one subject matter which has been a major talking point in Milton Keynes this week – the new look given to the iconic Concrete Cows.

The famous bovines were given a spooky Halloween makeover last Tuesday night when, under the cover of darkness, they were transformed into skeletons.

Since then a debate has raged between those who love the new look and those who think what has happened is a simple act of vandalism.

Milton Keynes North MP Mark Lancaster has said that he is a fan of the skeletons but The Parks Trust, the charity which maintains the six replica cows at Bancroft, is less amused.

It says that the damage could cost £2,000 to repair and the cows could even be moved from their current site.

The matter has also been reported to the police who are now investigating.

Mr Lancaster said: "Actually, I like what has been done to the concrete cows.

"I think that instead of painting over them, given they have been painted over several times before, we should look at the potential of using them as a community art space for people to paint and decorate in a controlled manner and it would also have the benefit that public money would not be needed to repaint them."

MK NEWS has received a number of messages about the issue from people on both sides of the argument.

Kate Holmes added: "This may go against the grain but I think the concrete cows actually look quite good. For 'vandals' they've done a great job."

One suggestion is that the cows could be painted differently to mark certain times of year, and The Parks Trust has already confirmed that they won't be painted again until after Halloween.

For example, the cows could be given a festive look to celebrate Christmas, but others feel that Canadian artist Liz Leyh's creation should be left alone.

Thomas Sherwood told MK NEWS: "It doesn't matter if you think what they have done is good, because at the end of the day it is still vandalism.

"Are we saying it's okay to do this as long as you have talent?"

The Parks Trust's chief executive David Forster added: "We do take any type of damage very seriously.

"The cows are a part of Milton Keynes, a piece of public art and should be valued by all."

It is not the first time the cows have been altered by the public.

In 2005, cryptic numbers were painted onto their bodies and in 2007 offenders used a fork-lift truck to remove them from their home at the old National Hockey Stadium, causing thousands of pounds of damage.

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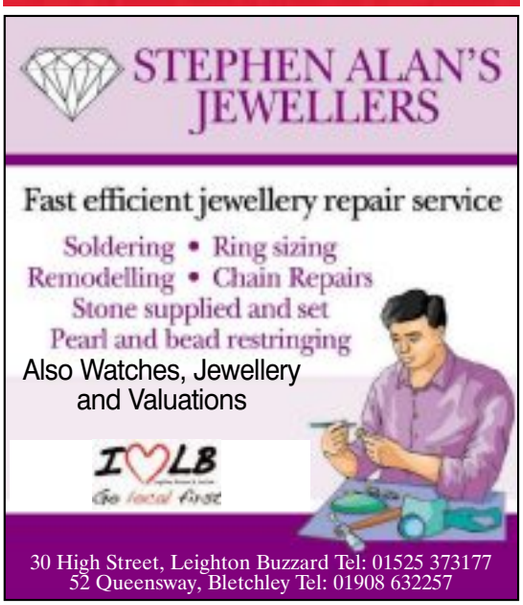
Damage: This was the outcome when vandals moved The Concrete Cows from the National Hockey Stadium



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School rewarded with £1,000 prize

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A SCHOOL'S pioneering efforts in helping teenagers and pensioners work together has landed a second prestigious award.

Leon Sports College has won £1,000 after coming second in the county finals of the Bletchley and Bucks Freemasons iHelp project, beating competition from other schools across the county to win the prize.

And that comes after the school won £250 in the district heats of the competition.

They were rewarded for their project in which the students worked with pensioners at neighbouring Water Eaton Care Home in Fern Grove, Bletchley, through a series of wildlife projects.

The assistant head of Bletchley and Bucks Freemasons, Mike Stimson, said: "Leon Sports College really lives up to our values of friendship, decency, and charity, which are what we sought to promote when we launched the competition.

"The judges were impressed with all aspects of their project."

Teacher Jan Smith, who help set up the school initiative, said: "The iHelp project has been such a great motivator for all the students at Leon Sports College. The competition has concentrated their minds and given them a target to work towards.

"We are so grateful to the freemasons for their help and support in putting together such an inspirational event. Winning an extra £1,000 is the icing on the cake."

Leon School came second in the county finals at Beaconsfield to Stokenchurch Scouts for their work befriending young carers.

Mr Stimson added: "Everyone in MK should share my pride at the wonderful work which Mrs Smith and her kids are carrying out in living the values of friendship, decency, and charity.

"Leon is a real beacon of excellence. We are very lucky to have teachers of her skill and dedication working in our district."

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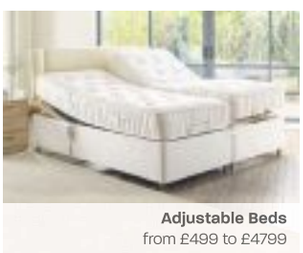

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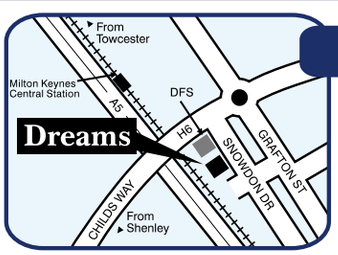

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Jill needs 'Jamie' for cooking show

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A CULINARY master is being sought for a new Milton Keynes based cookery show which aims to battle the nation's bulges.

Fitness guru Jill Gardener, 38, of Newport Pagnell, vows to 'wage war on bland food' with her internet cookery show Hate It? Change It! and she's looking for a 'cheeky' male sidekick to lend a helping hand.

Better known by her alias 'Fat Controller', Ms Gardener said: "I'm trying to inspire the nation to eat great food and I'm looking for someone I can bounce off to help me. I'm thinking a young Jamie Oliver.

"I've worked in the fitness industry for more than 10 years and for a long time people have been pushing me to put my fat-loss recipes out there.

"I'm a lover of food but not really a lover of cooking, which is why I'm seeking a chef."

Ms Gardener is hoping that the Youtube series will go viral and eventually become a global sensation.

She said: "I've learnt a lot about weight loss and the best foods to help with this.

TV show: Jill Gardener is looking for a Jamie Oliver-style chef to help out on her internet cookery show which aims to win the fight with flab

"This is just the start, I am so excited about getting my message and my fat controlling recipes out there."

The Fat Controller was born after Ms Gardener struggled with weight loss and depression for many years.

She added: "I'm a bit camera shy when it comes to cooking but if I had somebody who could throw it all together for me I know I can definitely talk with a passion about the ingredients.

"I'm planning on uploading the videos at a regular slot time but they would be filmed in bulk."

Ms Gardener is already an online success with her fat loss programmes and will be launching the cookery show as soon as she finds a suitable counterpart.

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Hoppy 10th birthday

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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IT HAS entranced, thrilled and inspired shoppers and visitors to the city of all ages – it has even sparked an idea for a trilogy of children's novels and started an urban myth.

And this year 'The Frog Clock's' fans are preparing to sing happy tenth birthday to what is arguably the best-loved public artwork in the city.

It has brought joy to countless thousands of children as they are showered with bubbles every half hour, and has confounded as many adults as they attempt to work out the mechanics of the piece in Midsummer Place.

Opening: The 2002 launch party

"The Frog Clock is simply brilliant," said Rob Badcock.

The local author has already published his first children's novel, called Big Frog, and the two prequels are under way.

"You only have to see the expression on children's faces as the bubbles begin to fall to realise that it's something very, very special."

"My novel is set in the year 2042 when Earth has been ravaged beyond recognition and most of the city centre as we know it lies in ruins. I asked myself the question 'what would there be left standing?'

"I kept coming back to just one thing. Does the Frog really look as if it would be at all troubled by an earthquake or two, a tsunami or seven? I think not."

"The Frog means fun and laughter. But at the same time it also has an eeriness about it, a sense of the surreal. I find the music, especially the intro, quite unnerving. Not the sort of soundtrack I'd listen to with the lights turned out. This tension between the funny and the scary reflects my style of writing perfectly, so it just had to be Big Frog."

Not many people know that this tune, played on the half hour as the frog sprays its bubbles and called Summer Half Hour, was produced by Terry Oldfield, the brother of Grammy Award winner Mike.

It is perhaps what has added to the allure of the clock, and helped to spawn a kids' myth about the bubbles.

Rob added: "It is said that, if you can catch a bubble on the back of your hand without it bursting, then good luck is sure to come your way.

"So next time you're passing under The Frog Clock at bubble time, try it for yourself. Become a child again. It's magic."

Rob will be joining in Midsummer Place Shopping Centre's celebrations on Saturday, October 27th, with a meet and greet and a book signing, as well as taking two tours for children through the book, retracing the main character's journey around the city. Gymboree children's centre is also planning a day of activities surrounding the clock, including singing happy birthday to the timepiece.

But it is not just children who are enthralled by the Frog.

Shopping centre operations manager Paul Tilbury said: "We have occasional visitors who have travelled from quite some distance to come and see the clock – I've got a feeling that someone even flew over from New Zealand."

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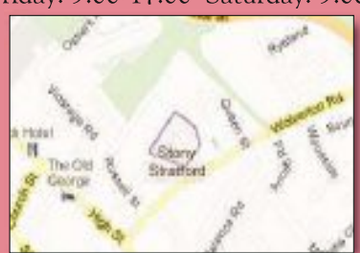

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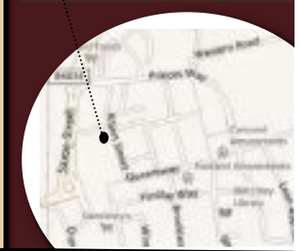

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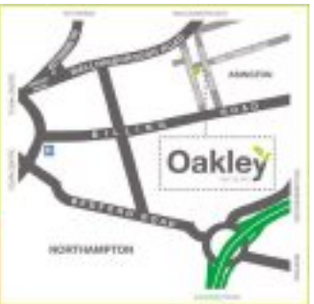

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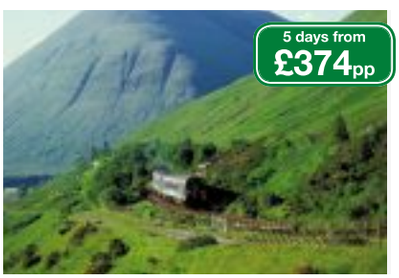

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Girls are beaming thanks to new kit

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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GYMNASTS in Milton Keynes will quite literally be following in the footsteps of their Olympic heroes with the arrival of a London 2012 balance beam.

There was huge excitement at MK Springers, based in Kiln Farm, when the special piece of equipment arrived.

The club were offered the beam at a discounted price after the Olympics and they leapt at the chance to own a piece of history.

Felicity Chandler-O'Donnell, club manager, said: "There was such a buzz of excitement when it arrived last Tuesday; people have been running up to it saying 'oh my god my hero used this!'

"When we opened the beam it had the competitors' hand prints and chalk marks on it where they'd marked it for their dismount."

MK Springers teaches gymnasts from as young as three and all ages have been enjoying their snippet of the Olympic legacy.

Mrs O'Donnell said: "The elder gymnasts will probably get the most out of it but all the little ones understand where it's from because it's got the logo on it."

New beam: MK Springers are over the moon with their new equipment

The club hope that the new addition will generate interest from people looking to get into the sport after watching this year's games.

Mrs O'Donnell added: "We hope the beam will get new people involved with the club.

"When the Olympics were on we had the gymnastics on iPlayer so the gymnasts could watch it while they were training."

Coaches at the club think the new arrival could produce the city's next Olympic hopeful for Rio 2016.

Women's artistic coach, Sarah Carey, said: "In the past our gymnasts were at a slight disadvantage at competitions due to the lack of a full-size competition beam.

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They have performed to large audiences at notable venues including the Jersey Opera House and bring to life this lively and faithful musical adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's family favourite.

Wind In The Willows is at Stantonbury Campus Theatre on October 29.

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biglaughs

THERE'S a night of comedy at the Fox & Hounds in Stony Stratford on Saturday, with a number of top local comedians on the same bill.

Fresh from the fringe are Jon Williams and Mark Cram and the many faces and voices of MK's Jimmy James Jones will also be making an appearance.

Also on the bill is local comedy character The Rev. Henry King, Bedford boy JT Taylor and the Northampton Comedy Crew of Ben Briggs, Pete Teckman, Lou Chawner and Simon Caine. Entry is free and it starts at 8.30pm.

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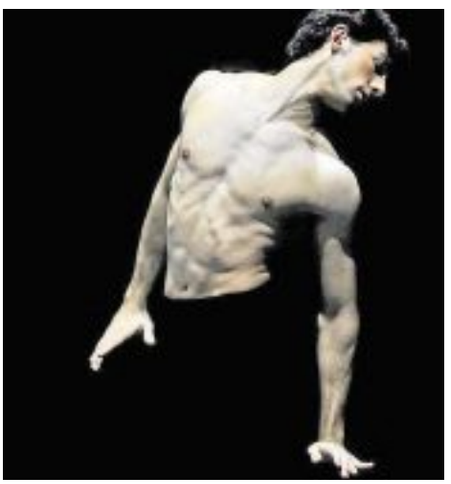

THE Scratch Night at the MK Gallery tomorrow features a 'pop up' performance from the English National Ballet.

It's part of an initiative which will see the ballet appear at specific sites for a day or an evening only.

At the Gallery, principals of the company Begona Cao and Zdenek Konvalina will perform a new work by English National Ballet Associate, artist George Williamson, inspired by the current exhibition – James Welling: The Mind on Fire.

English National Ballet is one of the world's great ballet companies, which celebrated its 60th year in 2010. The original vision – to take classical ballet of the highest quality to the widest geographical audience, at a price everyone can afford – remains the cornerstone of the Company's philosophy today.

The free event starts at 6.30pm.

junglefever

THE animals from Madagascar are back on our screens for a third instalment of the madcap animated adventures.

Alex the lion, Marty the zebra, Gloria the hippo and Melman the giraffe are all back for a journey which sees them join the circus to escape from animal control.

What's immediately noticeable is that everything is on a much grander scale. For the first time the action is brought to us in tremendous 3D, and it's fair to say that everything looks superb.

Madagascar has always been aimed at the little ones and there is no doubt that they will be blown away by the sheer spectacle of this third offering. There's romance, laughs, danger and excitement along the way as the gang try and return to their beloved New York.

They say that films get worse when more and more of them are released, but the Madagascar franchise seems to be going from strength to strength.

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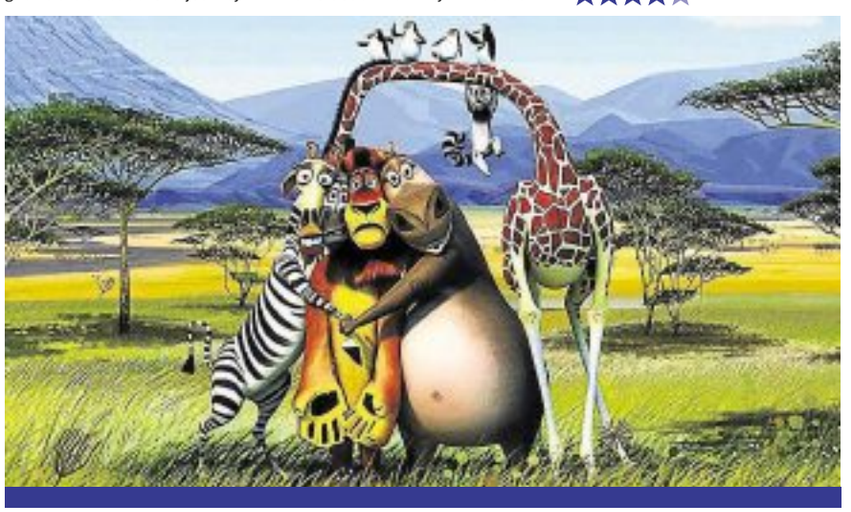

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mindgames

DERREN Brown is not everybody's cup of tea – some people are amazed by what he does, while others simply find the bloke annoying.

Whatever your view, there's no doubt that the illusionist provides talking points with his sometimes baffling TV program.

Every time he performs a new trick, people up and down the country immediately begin to discuss what they have just seen.

If you fancy revisiting some of his most memorable moments, then Derren Brown: The Experiments is now available on DVD.

Famous tricks such as the one where Brown used mind control tricks to convince a man into thinking he was 'assassinating' Stephen Fry are included, as is 'The Guilt Trip' when he tries to get someone to admit a crime they didn't commit.

It's all mysterious stuff, but make sure you save a couple of hours afterwards to talk it over.

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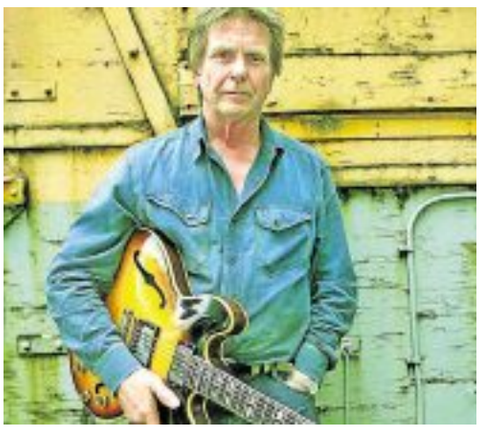

PREMIER rock 'n' roll legend Joe Brown is ready to dazzle audiences when he comes to The Stables.

His career continues to go from strength to strength as his contemporary achievements gather momentum.

Along with his five-piece band – including son and record producer Pete Brown – his show promises not to disappoint.

The musical styles incorporated into his new show break more boundaries and are as unique as the man himself.

Packed with timeless classics, rockabilly, gospel, country, folk, and rock 'n' roll, all interwoven with Joe's effervescent delivery and humorous reminiscences.

Tickets cost £22.50 - £23.50 and are available from www.stables.org.

westenders

MUSICAL fans get ready for a night to remember as Company MK take you on a journey through some of the best loved West End shows at The Chrysalis.

Become immersed in the heartache of Les Miserables and laugh along with hits from Little Shop of Horrors – with tunes from Chicago to Sweet Charity the show promises to be an enthralling rollercoaster of emotions.

This year Company MK is celebrating its 20th anniversary and the group is taking the opportunity to relive some of their previous productions.

The group formed in 1992 with the aim of performing more unusual and daring musicals and since then they have performed shows as varied as City of Angels and Guys and Dolls.

Tickets cost £12 for adults and £8 for under 15's. Available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/company mk or 01908 265180.

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THIS week our fitness guru Matt Roberts tells you how to prepare for the little-black-dress season

IF THE fact there's less than six weeks until the Festive party season brings a Halloween scream of horror – at the thought of your little black dress being just a bit little – then now's the time to act!

Six weeks is perfect to take control and turn from candy girl to party girl, shedding those muffin tops, toning the chicken wings and getting sexy back. Simple diet and fitness changes to your everyday routine make a huge difference.

And if you're lacking in motivation, think like a celeb. Put the date of the party at which you want to look most glamorous on the fridge then tick off each day/week before it when you've done your exercise and diet. It's amazing how motivating it can be to see how you're doing.

If your favourite party dress involves your shoulders and back being on display, it is a good idea to include exercises that focus on these areas in your routine.

Lat-pull downs will help to create a V-shape in your back while seated-rows will draw your shoulders back to help with your posture.

Lateral raises with dumbbells with give you toned shoulders and include some ab work such as planks, oblique planks and reverse curls to pinch in your waist and show off your new physique!

Swap candy for cardio, naughty nibbles for fruity moments and couch potato for nutrition and fitness fun.

You'll soon be looking super sexy and slim for the festive season!

For more information on Matt Robert's Training with You programme call Conviviality on 01428 788 070 or email mattroberts@conviviality.com

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londonmidland

VISIT Birmingham, in association with London Midland, is giving one lucky reader and their family the chance to win a fabulous festive weekend in Birmingham.

To celebrate a fantastic Christmas in the heart of England they've put together a prize that includes an overnight stay with breakfast for two adults and two children at Jurys Inn Birmingham. Located in the centre of the city, perfect for sight-seeing, shopping and nightlife, the newly refurbished Jurys Inn Birmingham offers spacious comfortable bedrooms with complimentary toiletries and a stylish bar and restaurant.

Also on offer is the chance to visit Go Ape, the UK's number one forest adventure. Enjoy two to three hours in the trees, taking on zip wires, tarzan swings, rope ladders and a variety of high-wire crossings, all set in the UK's most beautiful forests.

The lucky family will also receive entrance to Winterbourne House and Garden, a beautiful Edwardian heritage attraction with exhibition rooms, botanic garden, gallery, shop and delightful tea room where you can enjoy the stunning surrounds, no matter the weather!

The winning family will also be treated to a meal at Las Iguanas in the Arcadian Centre where they've wrapped up Christmas celebrations with a Latin twist. Get festive with a feast of South American goodies – from hearty Brazilian beef Feijoada to Jolly Pollo Cuban chicken.

Return train travel to Birmingham is provided by rail operator London Midland, which operates cheap and convenient train travel into the heart of the city.

Birmingham truly comes alive during the festive period – the city offers a sumptuous feast to Christmas shoppers with more than 1,000 shops in the centre alone, the largest working Jewellery Quarter in Europe, and the biggest authentic Christmas Market outside of Germany. There's plenty of entertainment too with a fantastic selection of bars and restaurants to be found in Colmore Business District and Brindleyplace, while the city's Southside district is home to the UK's busiest theatre.

To find out more about the seasonal celebrations taking place in the city logon to www.christmasinbirmingham.com.

To enter just answer the following question:

In which county is the city of Birmingham?

Send your answer, together with your name, address and daytime telephone number, to competitions@mk-news.co.uk or MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU. Entries must be received by noon on Wednesday, October 24. The editor's decision is final.

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Prize is based on a family of two adults and two children. Return transport to Birmingham is included but travel while in the city is not included. Prize is subject to availability – winner to arrange receipt of prize with venues directly after Visit Birmingham has notified them of their success.

Prize available for one winner is an overnight hotel stay for a family of four, two adults and two children sharing at Jurys Inn Birmingham including breakfast. Prize is subject to availability. Prize valid for six months and non transferable. Terms and conditions apply.

Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

MKlifeHOTPICKS

goingsolo

CHECK out the UK debuts for violinist Alexander Kagan and viola player Se-June Kim at a special Milton Keynes City Orchestra concerto on Saturday.

The two soloists will be appearing at Stantonbury Campus Theatre from 7.30pm, performing Stravinsky's Concerto in E-Flat, Boyce's Symphony Number Four, and Mozart's Sinfonia Conertante and Symphony Number 29. Tickets are £20, £5 for under 18s. Call 01908 558311.

dodgyfeeling

POWER pop rock trio Dodgy, who shot to fame during the Britpop era of the 1990s, visit The Stables as part of a UK tour next Wednesday, October 24.

Perhaps most famous for smash hit Good Enough, which reached number four in the UK charts, the group released its first album for a decade in February entitled Stand Upright In A Cool Place. The gig kicks off at 8pm, and tickets are £15 from www.stables.org or by calling 01908 290800.

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willensongs

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On Saturday from 7.30pm at Newport Pagnell Parish Church, the concert features Milton Keynes Youth Choir, *pictured* and the Sherwood Singers from Bletchley, along with the Windmill Singers from Northants and Sounds Familiar.

Tickets cost £7.50/£5.50 concessions from Cambourne Travel, Newport Pagnell High Street, and CT Wilsons in Olney High Street, or friends@willen-hospice.org.uk and 01908 612622. Under fives free.

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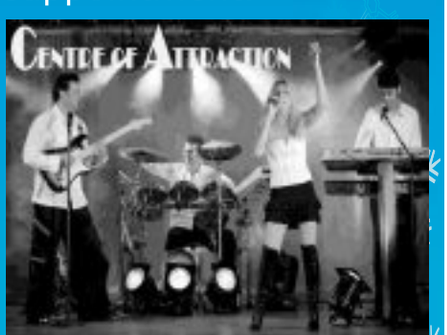

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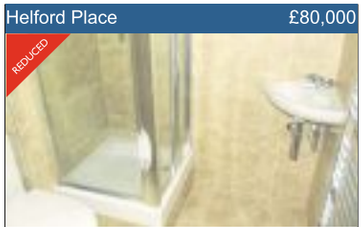

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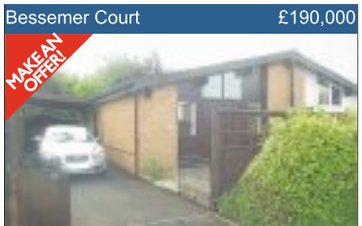

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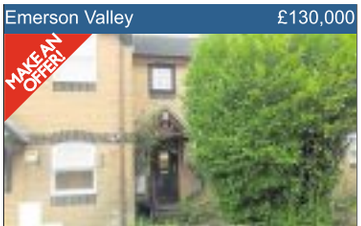

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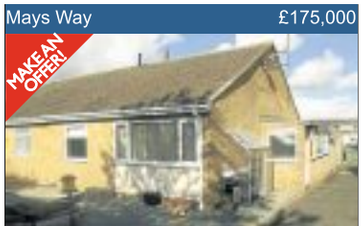

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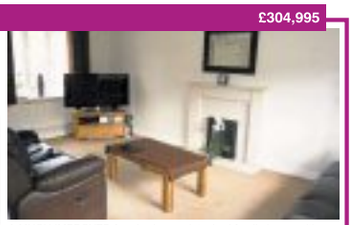

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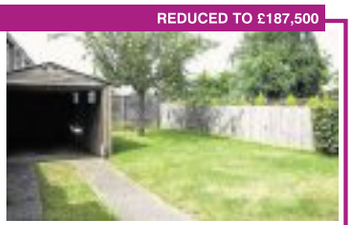

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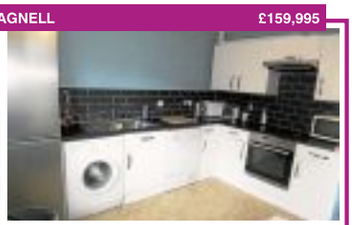

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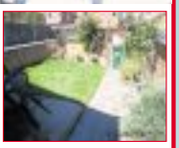

- 4 bedrooms
- Mid terrace house
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- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Close to local amenities

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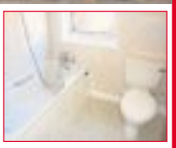

- 3 bedrooms
- Double bay fronted mid terrace
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- Upstairs bathroom
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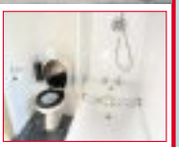

- 3 bedrooms
- Mid terrace house
- Two bathrooms
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Fitted wardrobes to bedroom one
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- Off road parking to the rear
- Walking distance to local amenities
- No upper chain

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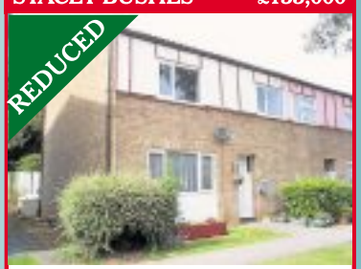

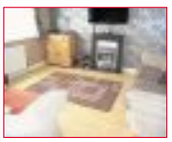

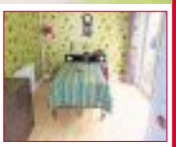

- 3 bedrooms
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- Re-fitted kitchen
- Separate dining room
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas to radiator heating
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Carport providing off road parking

WOLVERTON £155,000

- 3 bed mid terrace house
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- Gas to radiator heating via replacement combination boiler
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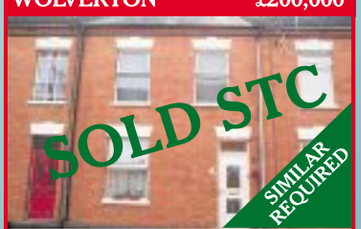

- 4 bedrooms
- Two en-suites
- Separate dining room
- Re-fitted kitchen/breakfast room
- UPVC double glazing
- Full cellar
- Re-fitted upstairs bathroom
- Rear garden with garage
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Please contact the school office for an application pack,
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Greenfield & Pulloxhill Academy, Greenfield C of E School,
Pulloxhill Road, Greenfield, Bedfordshire MK45 5ES

Closing Date Friday 26th October 4pm.
Interview Date Weds 14th November 2012.

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Closing date for applications: Tuesday 23rd October 2012 at 12 noon.
Interview date: Thursday 25th October 2012

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11 hours per week, term time only
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Closing date for applications: Tuesday 23rd October 2012 at 12 noon.
Interview date: Wednesday 31st October 2012.

Full details and application form can be obtained from the school website or contact the school by e-mail.

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We are committed to enabling all staff to receive ongoing, high quality and effective CPD and we are currently working towards achieving the CPD Mark.

The Radcliffe School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. This post requires an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau disclosure. We are an equal opportunities employer.

Bedford Borough Council

Willington Lower School
Church Road, Willington, Beds

Office Manager

£19,126 - £20,858 pro rata (actual salary £14,490)
4A Pt 21 - 24
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£16,440 - £17,802 pro rata (actual salary £4,431)
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For further details and an application pack please contact Denise McDonald, tel: 01234 838280 or email: willington@deal.bedfordshire.gov.uk

Closing date for both roles: 19th October 2012 at Midday.
Interview date for both roles: 23rd October 2012.

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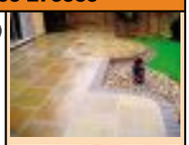

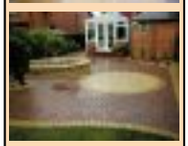

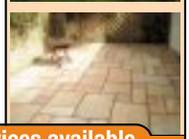

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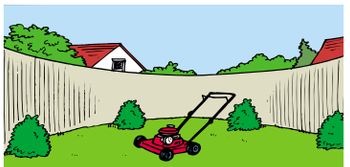

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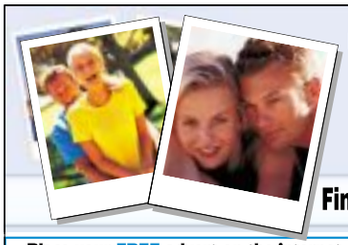

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GOODS VEHICLE OPERATORS LICENCE

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Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House. 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF stating their reasons within 21 days of this notice.

Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioners office.

Dated this 14th October 2012

Public Notices

HIGHWAYS AGENCY

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)(A) AND MOTORWAY TRAFFIC (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 1982
THE M1 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 13 TO JUNCTION 15, MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the M1 Motorway in Milton Keynes, to provide a safe working environment for the workforce during the installation of replacement Motorway Incident Detection (MIDAS) loops in the carriageway of the motorway.

The works are expected to take place over 2 nights (10pm to 5am weekdays only) on 2 separate occasions. The works will be carried out using a combination of lane closures or full carriageway closures with hard shoulder running. A temporary mandatory speed limit will be in force in the interest of safety.

The effect of the Order will be to, over a period of 2 nights from –

1. **Wednesday 24 October 2012 –**
   - 1.1 impose a speed limit of 50 miles per hour on the -
     - northbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 620 metres south of Broughton Road over-bridge to a point 600 metres north of Broughton Grounds Lane over-bridge, and
     - southbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 540 metres south of Broughton Grounds Lane over-bridge to a point 180 metres north of Cranfield Road/ Wavendon Road over-bridge;
   - 1.2 close the -
     - northbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 230 metres north of Broughton Road over-bridge to a point 600 metres north of Broughton Grounds Lane over-bridge, and
     - southbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 30 metres north of Broughton Road over-bridge to a point 180 metres north of Cranfield Road/Wavendon Road over-bridge, and
   - 1.3 allow traffic to run on the hard shoulder adjacent to the -
     - northbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 440 metres south of Broughton Grounds Lane over-bridge to a point 110 metres north of that bridge, and
     - southbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 620 metres south of Broughton Road over-bridge to a point 670 metres north of Cranfield Road/Wavendon Road over-bridge; and
2. **Tuesday 8 January 2013 –**
   - 2.1 impose a speed limit of 50 miles per hour on the northbound carriageway of the M1 from a point –
     - 480 metres south of the over-bridge that connects Gayhurst with Little Linford and Haversham to a point 1,090 metres south of the over-bridge that connects Gayhurst with Hanslope, and
     - 920 metres north of the over-bridge that connects Gayhurst with Little Linford and Haversham to a point 390 metres north of the over-bridge that connects Gayhurst with Hanslope;
   - 2.3 close the northbound carriageway of the M1 from a point –
     - 370 metres north of the over-bridge that connects Gayhurst with Little Linford and Haversham to a point 1,100 metres south of the over-bridge that connects Gayhurst with Hanslope, and
     - from a point 1,300 metres south of the over-bridge that connects Gayhurst with Hanslope to a point 390 metres north of that bridge, and
   - 2.4 allow traffic to run on the hard shoulder adjacent to the northbound carriageway of the M11 from a point –
     - 1,070 metres north of the over-bridge that connects Gayhurst with Little Linford and Haversham to a point 1,500 metres south of the over-bridge that connects Gayhurst with Hanslope, and
     - 650 metres south of the over-bridge that connects Gayhurst with Hanslope to a point 100 metres south of that bridge.

The temporary mandatory speed limit (which will not apply to emergency service or special forces vehicles), closures (which will not apply to works, emergency service, traffic officer or winter service maintenance vehicles) and diversion routes will be clearly indicated by traffic signs throughout the works.

The Order will come into force on 22 October 2012 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

Mrs A V Middleton, An official of the Highways Agency

General enquiries relating to this notice may be made in writing to Graham Harris at the Highways Agency, Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7LW or by telephoning him on 01234 796079.

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Public Notices

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, in pursuance of their powers under Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, has varied the tables of fares for and in connection with the hire of Hackney Carriages within the Borough.

Tariff 1. Standard Day Rate- Monday to Saturday 06.00hrs to 22.00hrs

(a)	If the distance does not exceed 201 metres (220 yards approx) or uncompleted part thereof or 40 seconds	£3.00
(b)	If the distance exceeds 201 metres (220 yards approx) and does not exceed 3218 metres (3520 yards/2 Miles approx) for each subsequent 201 metres (220 yards approx) or uncompleted part thereof or 40 seconds	20p
(c)	If the distance exceeds 3218 metres (3520 yards/2 Miles approx) for each subsequent 161 metres (176 yards approx) or uncompleted part thereof or 40 seconds	20p

Tariff 2. Enhanced Rate- Monday to Sunday Night 22.00 to 06.00 hrs. All day Sunday and Bank Holidays from 06.00 to 22.00hours

(a)	If the distance does not exceed 161 metres (176 yards approx) or uncompleted part thereof or 40 seconds	£4.00
(b)	If the distance exceeds 161 metres (176 yards approx) and does not exceed 3218 metres (3520 yards/2 Miles approx) for each subsequent 161 metres (176 yards approx) or uncompleted part thereof or 40 seconds	20p
(c)	If the distance exceeds 3218 metres (3520 yards/2 Miles approx) for each subsequent 161metres (176 yards approx) or uncompleted part thereof or 40 seconds	20p

Tariff 3. Special Rate- Applicable Christmas Eve 22.00 hrs to 06.00hrs 27th December; New years Eve 22.00hrs to 06.00hrs 1st January

(a)	If the distance does not exceed 201 metres (220 yards approx) or uncompleted part thereof or 40 seconds	£6.00
(b)	If the distance exceeds 201 metres (220 yards approx) and does not exceed 3218 metres (3520 yards/2 Miles approx) for each subsequent 100 metres (110 yards approx) or uncompleted part thereof or 40 seconds	20p
(c)	If the distance exceeds 3218 metres (3520 yards/2 Miles approx) for each subsequent 108 metres (118 yards approx) or uncompleted part thereof or 40 seconds	20p

Extra Charges

(i)	For each person in excess of two (excluding infants in arms)	40p
(ii)	For the use of the luggage compartment a maximum charge of	40p
NB (i)	**The above tariff also applies to all hiringÕs terminating outside the Borough unless an alternative fare or rate of fare is agreed with the hirer before the commencement of the journey.**	
(iiii)(a)	A fare of **£8.00** per vehicle hiring for journeys between Central Milton Keynes Railway Station and the National Bowl, in either direction, when events are held at the Bowl; such a fare to apply irrespective of time or day and not to be subject to any extra charge.	(iiii)(b)
(iiiii)	A charge may be levied for restoration costs should you soil or damage this vehicle. The Proprietor reserves the right to take civil action where necessary.	£60

The proprietor reserves the right to take civil action where necessary for any damage to the inside and/or exterior of the vehicle, which has been caused by the hirer.

Implementation Date 5th November 2012

Any objections or representations to any of the proposals together with the grounds on which they are made must be sent in writing to the undersigned to be received by 31st October 2012

If no objections are received during the above mentioned period, the tables of fares shall come into force on 5th November 2012. If objection is made and is not withdrawn, the Council will set a further date, not later than two months after the first specified date, on which the tables of fares shall come into force with or without modifications as decided by them after consideration of the objections.

Karen Ford, Head of Regulatory Unit
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN CONNIBURROW AND BRADWELL COMMON, MILTON KEYNES, RESTRICTED PERMIT PARKING AND WAITING ZONES EXPERIMENTAL ORDERS 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on the 16th October 2012 made the five Orders, the titles of which are recited at the end of this Notice, under Section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the purposes of carrying out an experimental scheme of traffic control for a period of 12 months. The Orders will affect all classes of vehicle on various roads within Conniburrow and Bradwell Common, Milton Keynes and will come into effect on the 29th October 2012.

The Orders will have the following effects:

The introduction of a restricted permit parking and waiting zone at Conniburrow, Milton Keynes, which will introduce permit parking for holders of a valid resident's permit, visitor's permit, carer's permit or business permit, operational Monday to Saturday, between the hours of 9.00am and 11.00am and 2.00pm and 4.00pm in the entire length of the following roads, Bramble Avenue, Bryony Place, Fennel Drive, Germander Place, Larkspur Avenue, Marigold Place, Marjoram Place, Milfoil Avenue, Teasel Avenue, Woodruff Avenue and along the whole length of the north-west vehicular accessway of Conniburrow Boulevard.

The introduction of limited waiting restrictions within the restricted waiting zone at Conniburrow , operational Monday to Saturday between the hours of 9.00am and 11.00am and 2.00pm and 4.00pm for a maximum period of 30 minutes, no return within 1 hour, except for vehicles displaying a valid resident, visitor, carer or business permit in the entire length of the following roads, Bramble Avenue, Bryony Place, Fennel Drive, Germander Place, Larkspur Avenue, Marigold Place, Marjoram Place, Milfoil Avenue, Teasel Avenue, Woodruff Avenue and along the whole length of the north-west vehicular accessway of Conniburrow Boulevard.

The introduction of some limited waiting restrictions within off-street parking places, maximum period of 30 minutes, no return within 1 hour and residents, visitors, carers and business permit off-street parking places all operational Monday to Saturday between the hours of 9.00am and 11.00am and 2.00pm and 4.00pm within parts of Bramble Avenue, Bryony Place, Marigold Place, Marjoram Place and Woodruff Avenue, Conniburrow.

The introduction of a restricted permit parking and waiting zone at Bradwell Common, Milton Keynes, which will introduce permit parking for holders of a valid resident's permit, visitor's permit, carer's permit or business permit, operational Monday to Saturday, between the hours of 9.00am and 11.00am and 2.00pm and 4.00pm in the entire length of the following roads, Booker Avenue, Brill Place, Burnham Drive, Chesham Avenue, Coleshill Place, Dorney Place, Downley Avenue, Forrabury Avenue, Ibstone Avenue, Leasowe Place, Maidenhead Avenue, Mayditch Place, Naphill Place, Stokenchurch Place, Tylers Green, Walkhampton Avenue and along the whole length of the north-west vehicular accessway of Bradwell Common Boulevard.

The introduction of limited waiting restrictions within the restricted waiting zone at Bradwell Common, operational Monday to Saturday between the hours of 9.00am and 11.00am and 2.00pm and 4.00pm for a maximum period of 30 minutes, no return within 1 hour, except for vehicles displaying a valid resident, visitor, carer or business permit in the entire length of the following roads Booker Avenue, Brill Place, Burnham Drive, Chesham Avenue, Coleshill Place, Dorney Place, Downley Avenue, Forrabury Avenue, Ibstone Avenue, Leasowe Place, Maidenhead Avenue, Mayditch Place, Naphill Place, Stokenchurch Place, Tylers Green, Walkhampton Avenue and along the whole length of the north-west vehicular accessway of Bradwell Common Boulevard.

The introduction of resident's permits, visitor's permits, carer's permits and business permits for use within the roads located within the restricted permit parking zones at Conniburrow and Bradwell Common, Milton Keynes. There will be no charge for the issue of these permits.

All motor vehicles are affected by this Order except for motorcycles and mopeds.

The following will be exempt from the provisions of this Order. Emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, loading and unloading, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders and some others.

A copy of the Orders as made including maps indicating their location and effects together with a statement of the council's reasons for making the Orders may be viewed at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm on any working day and also at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes during normal opening hours. Please quote reference number WL/P&E/6111/ETRO/2010.

The Council will be considering in due course whether the provisions of the Experimental Orders should be continued in force indefinitely. Any person wishing to object to the making of the Experimental Orders for the purpose of such indefinite continuation should put their objection **in writing** stating the grounds on which the objection is made, and send it to the undersigned, to be received within a period of 6 months beginning with the day on which the Experimental Orders came into force, i.e. **to be received by the Council no later than 28th April 2013.**

Titles of Orders

The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Various Roads, Conniburrow) (Restricted Permit Parking Zone) Experimental Order 2012

The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Various Roads, Conniburrow) (Restricted Waiting Zone) Experimental Order 2012

The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Various Roads, Bradwell Common) (Restricted Permit Parking Zone) Experimental Order 2012

The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Various Roads, Bradwell Common) (Restricted Waiting Zone) Experimental Order 2012

The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Conniburrow) (Off-Street Limited Waiting and Permit Parking Places) Experimental Order 2012

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director - Law & Governance — 17th October 2012
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73 — WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

12/01898/FUL	Conversion of existing garage to annexe accommodation at Rose Cottage, 60 Bradwell Road, Loughton
12/01929/FUL	Proposed temporary accommodation during the construction of a single dwelling under planning permission 11/00788/FUL at Land to the Front of Weldon Rise, Loughton
12/01980/FUL	New vehicular access and crossover to provide access to the dwelling (re-submission of 12/00339/FUL) at Pine Haven, Watling Street, Little Brickhill
12/02022/TCA	Notification of intention to fell trees Elver (T1), Norway Maple (T2), Holly (T4), Unknown species (T5), Holly (T6), Unknown species (T7), Silver birch (T8), Silver birch (T9), Hazel (T10), Unknown species (T12) and Possible Elver (T13); and remove dead tree stumps (T3) and (T11) Unknown species at 30 Wolverton Road, Stony Stratford
12/02115/TCA	Notification of intention to reduce crown by 35% of 1 x Lime tree and raise the crown by 2.5m at 2 Rickyard Close, Bradwell

SECTION 67 & 73 — LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

12/02068/LBC	Listed building consent to remove existing kitchen concrete floor, reduce floor level and re-lay limecrete floor at Church Farm, High Street, Weston Underwood

SECTION 67 & 73 — AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

12/01920/TCA	Notification of intention to reduce height and width by 30% of x 6 Yew trees (T1), reduce height and width by 30% of x 1 Hazelnut Tree (T4), reduce height and width by 25% of x 1 Pear (T3) and x 1 Apple (T2) and reduce height by 30% of x 1 Cherry tree (T5) at 28 Mill Street, Newport Pagnell

SECTION 67 — AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING

12/02004/FUL	Retention of rebuilt stable block to provide 3 units of accommodation for agricultural workers (retrospective) (re-submission of 11/02772/FUL) at Dollars Grove Farm, East End North Crawley, Newport Pagnell
12/02012/FUL	Variation of condition 5 (3) attached to planning permission 11/02765/FUL to change floor levels to 63.70 AOD at Wolverton Grange, Watermill Lane, Milton Keynes

WIDER PUBLICITY

12/01970/MIN	Temporary wood waste facility to include; construction of new hardcore area and access road; installation of wood shredder, noise attenuation bunds, site office and welfare facilities at Bletchley Landfill Site, Newton Road, Bletchley

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

12/02080/FUL	Extension and alterations to Midsummer Place Shopping Centre to create 2 new retail units, new square, erection of advertising signage and associated works at Land At Midsummer Place Shopping Centre, Midsummer Place, Central Milton Keynes
12/02082/FUL	Removal of 3 x temporary kiosks and erection of restaurant units; provision of external seating and associated works at Midsummer Place Shopping Centre, Midsummer Place, Central Milton Keynes
12/02111/FUL	Erection of local centre comprising of one supermarket (use class A1), five mixed use units (use classes A1, A2, A3, A5 and B1/D1), eight residential dwellings, associated car parking and landscaping and 3 bus stops (2 on Newport Road and 1 on Selkirk Drive) at Local Centre, Selkirk Drive, Oakridge Park

Nick Fenwick
Assistant Director Planning, Economy and Development

MILTON KEYNES PARTNERSHIP
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

12/00968/MKPCR	Reserved Matters Application for the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of development for part of Tattenhoe Park Site 1 comprising 16 dwellings, associated garages and play space pursuant to outline planning permission ref. 06/00602/MKPCO for residential-led mixed use development of 450 dwellings (re-consultation following submission of amended plans), Kingsmead South, off Hayton Way, Milton Keynes.
12/00969/MKPCR	Reserved Matters Application for the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of development for part of Tattenhoe Park Site 1 comprising 138 dwellings, associated garages and play space pursuant to outline planning permission ref. 06/00856/MKPCO for residential-led mixed use development of 1310 dwellings (re-consultation following submission of amended plans and amended description), Tattenhoe Park, off Hayton Way, Milton Keynes.
12/02136/MKPCR	Section 73 application to vary Condition 1 of reserved matters consent 12/00694/MKPCR relating to Phase 1B Brooklands (Parcels 7, 17 and 30) for minor material amendment to change the proposed window material of all plots (150 dwellings) from timber to UPVC framed at Land at Brooklands, To North East of A5130 and East of Brooklands Farm, Eastern Expansion Area, Milton Keynes.

Sheila Keene
Head of Strategic Policy and Planning
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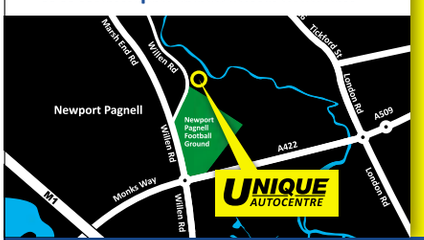

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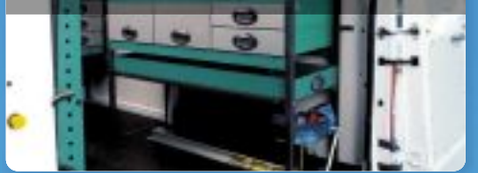

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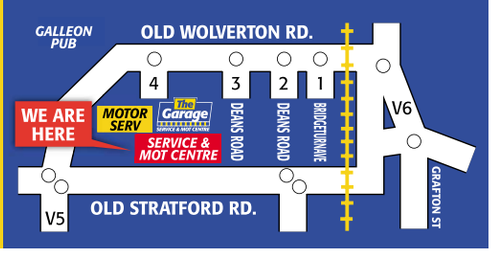

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CITY of Milton Keynes (CMK) swimmers were victorious at the first round of the East Midlands Arena League in Louth on Saturday.

The young competitors aged from nine years and upwards won the event by 14 points at the end of the night thanks to some consistently strong performances.

Rival teams from Sherwood and Lincoln Vulcans built up early leads, but CMK eventually reeled both of them in.

Head coach Greg Buck said: "Many of the younger swimmers improved on personal bests and senior swimmers were often swimming mid-season bests.

"This is really pleasing and a reward for the commitment swimmers have made to our early season strategy."

Meanwhile, another CMK team competed in the Natalie Memorial Gala at Stantonbury Campus Leisure Centre, where they finished third overall.

A number of swimmers swam out of age, while others went too fast as the rules of the meet stated that you had to finish within a certain time.

First places went to Emilie Owen (50 back, breast), Ellie Ward (50 breast, free), Michael Pentland (100 free), Lauren Revell (50 free), Chris Lock (100 back), Harriett Daley (50 free), Emily Skinner (50 fly) and Daniella Bright (50 Fly).

There were also victories for the U14 and U16 4x50m freestyle relay teams.

WATER POLO

CMK Water Polo opened their East Midland League campaign with an 8-8 draw against Spalding.

Having gone 6-3 ahead at half-time, CMK slipped back to be two down at the end of the 3rd quarter.

However, a final quarter fightback with goals from Chris Everett and Craig Byrom and a string of saves by keeper Boris Finta meant a point was salvaged.

TAEKWONDO

AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD from the Woodtkd T.A.G.B Tae Kwon Do MK club has scooped a bronze medal.

Sinead Crowther won in the girls' yellow belt category at the inter-club tournament in Hemel Hempstead at the weekend.

The club has only been in existence for nine months.

SQUASH

A FREE junior event is being run by MK Squash at Kiln Farm on Saturday - as part of World Squash Day.

It takes place between 12.30 and 4.30pm at the Keller Close club and will be followed by a free come and play to all of Milton Keynes from 4.30 until 7.30pm.

World Squash Day has the aim of getting the sport into the Olympics in time for 2020.

Meanwhile, three players from the Shenley Junior Club were in county action this weekend.

Jemma Stanton represented Northants at U15 level (there is no team in Bucks) despite being just 13 and though she failed to win a game, she took some good points from older and stronger opponents.

Joe Elfasi and Dylan Harris played for Bucks U19 against Oxfordshire, who they beat 3-2, and Gloucestershire, where they slipped to a 4-1 defeat. Both players won one and lost one in both ties.

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Mathias returns and is already in the wars

In the wars: Mathias Kouo-Doumbe is strapped up against Preston

FRENCH defender Mathias Kouo-Doumbe did his best Terry Butcher impression as he returned to Dons duty against Preston on Sunday.

The 32-year-old made his first start of the season at Deepdale after a frustrating spell in the treatment room but he needed the physio again in the second half of the goalless draw.

A clash of heads with Preston striker Akpo Sodje left Kouo-Doumbe requiring stitches, and he was forced to wear a bandage for the remainder of the game.

Iconic photographs of fellow centre back Butcher have made that particular headgear famous, but fortunately the Dons man didn't end up covered in blood like the former England international.

"It was bleeding a lot," Kouo-Doumbe said. "But I didn't want blood everywhere so the bandage was a good decision.

"I tried to win it in the air with Sodje and I cracked my head open. He didn't even have a bump on his head."

A knee injury picked up in the pre-season friendly with Kettering is the reason Kouo-Doumbe has been kept out, although he did make an appearance from the bench in the 4-1 victory over Bury last month.

The poor state of the pitch at Nene Park was blamed for the knock, and the blow was doubly frustrating for the Frenchman as it was his second serious pre-season injury in a row.

Last year, the defender left a friendly with Oxford United on crutches after he damaged his ankle, and he was again absent for a number of weeks.

Kouo-Doumbe is now obviously keen to play and he returned to the fold with a typically solid performance which saw him soak up spells of pressure. Not even the head bump could prevent him from getting stuck in.

He said: "I've been waiting for my chance and I'm happy with my performance.

"It's been frustrating, especially as it's the second year in a row, but I was focussed and my fitness felt good."

From manager Karl Robinson's point of view, Kouo-Doumbe's return has come at a perfect time as Gary MacKenzie was ruled out until the New Year last week with a hip injury.

The Scot will undergo surgery and Kouo-Doumbe will now compete with Shaun Williams and Antony Kay to play.

"You know you have to be ready at any moment," he said.

Robbo's 'gamesmanship' claim

DONS boss Karl Robinson accused the Preston coaching staff of 'gamesmanship' after a fiery end to Sunday's 0-0 draw.

The Sky Cameras were present for the league encounter and although those watching didn't witness a game which will live long in the memory, they did get to see a turbulent ending.

In the 86th minute, Dons striker Charlie MacDonald took the ball around Preston keeper Thorsten Stuckmann and promptly tumbled to the turf after being clipped.

Replays suggested a clear penalty but no spot kick was forthcoming, a decision which stunned the visiting bench and prompted a coming together between Robinson and opposite number Graham Westley.

A week ago a penalty was given against Dons when Portsmouth's Izale McLeod was taken out by David Martin in similar circumstances.

Robinson was further annoyed as he said Preston coaches had waved imaginary yellow cards following the incident, although when MacDonald picked himself up he did not enter the book for diving.

"Coaching staff ran five yards and waved a card in the fourth official's face," the boss said.

"Gamesmanship? Sportsmanship? Class?

"Roberto Mancini was lambasted for that, he was taken to the cleaners. This was worse."

Westley responded by flatly stating that he 'didn't care' what Robinson thinks but the former Stevenage manager will know that his side were lucky to take a point after MacDonald's claim.

If Dons had won the game they would currently sit third in League One, but after the draw they have to settle for seventh, making the penalty decision all the more frustrating.

However, the late drama had followed a game which lacked any significant quality in the final third of the pitch.

Robinson said: "The referee obviously thought it was a penalty as he looked to his assistant, but he kept his flag down.

"You come here and you play well after working all week and doing your homework on the opposition, and they get something so wrong. But I'm sure that they will admit that."

MK Dons assistant boss MICK HARFORD writes exclusively for MK News every week

IT WAS obviously a blatant penalty when Charlie MacDonald went down against Preston, there is no two ways about it as the goalkeeper did catch his leg.

Earlier in the game I thought Karl made a brave decision by putting on two strikers and changing it to 4-4-2 and the penalty decision meant we were denied a result I thought we deserved.

Izale McLeod won a similar penalty against us for Portsmouth last week and for me, the bizarre thing was that nobody got booked after either incident.

David Martin wasn't booked for bringing McLeod down and if Charlie wasn't fouled he was simulating a dive so he should have been booked. I found Charlie's rather strange in particular as if the officials are not going to give a penalty they must believe he has dived.

It's simulation or a foul and he's given neither – so the ref is not sure. I think he should have had some help from his assistant who, in all fairness, bottled it.

I was standing on the half-way line and I could see it was a foul from there.

People speak about video replays but I don't think we will get that technology at this level of the game.

At the top level, for example World Cups and the Premier League, I think it could work for crucial decisions.

Ours was a bad one but that is the frustrating part of football, it is the knife-edge you work on. It happens all over the country and everyone says it balances itself out over the season, but this weekend it happened against us at a really crucial time.

That would have been a great away win against a Preston side who are arguably going to be one of the pace setters in the league. But we have to move on to Stevenage. The way we look at it is if you go away from home and don't lose it's a good result, but only if you win at home.

NEXT FIXTURES

OCT 20 STEVENAGE (H)
OCT 23 CRAWLEY (A)
OCT 27 SCUNTHORPE (A)
NOV 6 LEYTON ORIENT (H)
NOV 10 SHEFFIELD UNITED (H)

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Tranmere	12	5	1	0	16	4	4	2	0	13	4	21	30
2	Stevenage	12	2	4	0	10	7	4	1	1	7	4	6	23
3	Sheff United	12	2	4	0	9	6	3	3	0	7	4	6	22
4	Crawley	12	4	0	2	12	11	3	1	2	7	7	1	22
5	Notts County	12	3	0	3	9	6	3	3	0	12	5	10	21
6	Swindon	12	3	1	2	10	4	3	2	1	7	7	6	21
7	DONS	12	4	2	0	9	3	1	3	2	6	5	7	20
8	Preston	12	3	2	1	13	5	2	1	3	8	10	6	18
9	Brentford	12	4	1	1	10	5	0	5	1	6	7	4	18
10	Doncaster	11	2	1	2	5	6	3	2	1	9	4	4	18
11	Walsall	12	2	1	3	8	10	3	1	2	7	7	-2	17
12	Portsmouth	12	2	1	3	7	7	2	2	2	11	12	-1	15
13	Carlisle	11	1	2	3	6	13	3	1	1	7	6	-6	15
14	Yeovil Town	12	2	1	3	7	7	2	0	4	12	12	0	13
15	Shrewsbury	12	3	1	2	7	4	0	3	3	5	8	0	13
16	Oldham	11	1	3	2	7	7	2	1	2	4	4	0	13
17	Leyton Orient	11	2	0	3	5	5	2	1	3	5	8	-3	13
18	Colchester	12	2	3	1	9	7	1	1	4	2	9	-5	13
19	Crewe	12	2	2	2	5	6	1	2	3	5	11	-7	13
20	Coventry City	12	1	3	2	7	8	1	2	3	5	10	-6	11
21	Bournemouth	12	1	4	1	8	7	1	1	4	6	14	-7	11
22	Scunthorpe	12	1	2	3	5	11	1	1	4	3	9	-12	9
23	Hartlepool	11	1	3	2	7	7	0	1	4	3	13	-10	7
24	Bury	11	0	1	4	2	9	0	3	3	8	13	-12	4

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ATHLETICS

OLYMPIC long jump champion Greg Rutherford underwent surgery on Tuesday after revealing the news on his Twitter page.

The city's golden boy has struggled with injuries throughout his career and picked up a groin injury in Birmingham following London 2012.

On Tuesday he tweeted: "I haven't said anything about it but I'm in for surgery today having a couple of things sorted. Really not looking forward to it."

Rutherford's lottery funding from UK Athletics was maintained this week, and sprinter Chris Clarke, a fellow member of MK Athletic Club, also made the list.

However, Olympic javelin thrower Meryvn Luckwell, sprinter Craig Pickering and club thrower Thomas Green missed out.

This week veteran club athlete Mike Burling (M50) claimed a personal best in a weight pentathlon competition in Ewell.

He threw the hammer 31.06m, putt the shot 7.74m, threw the discus 23.38m, threw the javelin 19.20m and threw the weight 11.59m for a total of 2246 points.

RUGBY UNION

MILTON Keynes suffered an afternoon to forget as they were thrashed 79-10 by visiting Buckingham in the Buckinghamshire Shield/Intermediate Cup.

On a day when the hosts complained of a series of injuries, Buckingham ran riot by storming in for 12 tries, eight of them in a convincing second half.

It was 31-3 at the break with MK only having Paul Dady's penalty to show for their efforts.

In the second half, Jamie Trivino crashed over to score a try which was converted by Dady, bringing the score back to 31-10, but there was no more joy for MK.

Buckingham ended like a train with four of their tries arriving in the game's six minutes of injury time.

Meanwhile, Bletchley bounced back from three straight defeats by hammering High Wycombe 50-12 in the South West 1 East.

After Phil Harman's early penalty, Kev Turnbull scored the first of Bletchley's seven tries against their county rivals.

Ben Robinson went over twice and there were also tries from debutant Nick Allen, Tom Hannel, Will Garrett and Adam Dempsey.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

THERE was Berks & Bucks FA Intermediate County Cup action for local sides on Saturday.

New Bradwell St Peter are safely through after a 4-3 victory against Aylesbury FC Reserves, and Olney are also safely through after a 1-0 away victory at Wolverton.

Stony Stratford Town booked their place in the hat as well by beat Stewkley 2-0.

TOURING CARS

NEWPORT Pagnell racer James Nash continues his debut World Touring Cars season this weekend with the Race of Japan.

Nash, the reigning British Touring Cars independents' champion, will be looking to score points for only the fourth time this season in the two races at Suzuka Circuit.

The 26-year-old Team Aon racer, who drives a Ford Focus, is 18th in the standings overall having previously scored points in Austria and Morocco.

He said: "I'm excited to get to Japan because that will be my first trip to that part of the world.

"The track looks great from what I've seen of it and I think that the cooler ambient temperatures should work well for our cars."

LACROSSE

A NEW lacrosse club has been launched in Milton Keynes, with the action taking place on Thursdays at Tattenhoe Pavilion.

It's for all abilities and takes place between 6pm and 7pm.

FORMULA ONE

Vettel linked with switch to Ferrari

Switch talk: Sebastian Vettel won the Korean Grand Prix and was then linked with rivals Ferrari

IT was an eventful weekend for double World Champion Sebastian Vettel.

The Red Bull Racing man first took the lead in the Formula One world title race after a third straight Grand Prix victory in Korea, and then reports suggested that the German was due to quit the Tilbrook team for rivals Ferrari in time for 2014.

Speculation about what would be a sensational switch was rife on Monday with numerous reports suggesting that a contract, dependent on results, had already been agreed.

If the move did go ahead, Vettel would link-up with Fernando Alonso, his nearest challenger for the title this year and the man he overtook at the top thanks to his triumph in Korea, his third straight win in a row.

Red Bull Racing Team Principal Christian Horner has moved swiftly to try and quash the rumour, telling F1 broadcasters the BBC that "Sebastian Vettel, without a shadow of doubt, will be part of the Red Bull Racing team in 2014."

Ferrari too have played down the suggestion that they will shortly be snapping up one of the biggest names in the sport.

Their president Luca di Montezemolo claimed that he "didn't want to have two roosters in the hen house".

Whatever happens, the rumours are fascinating and the prospect of the two remaining drivers in this year's title race teaming up is an exciting and intriguing prospect.

Vettel put himself firmly in the driving seat for a hat-trick of world championships in Korea, as he picked up another dominant victory which gives him a six point lead over Alonso with just four races remaining.

It was a good day for Red Bull as Mark Webber came home second to complete a one-two, leaving the city team with a huge 77 point lead over Ferrari at the top of the constructors' standings.

Red Bull are now clearly kicking into gear at the right time, with blistering pace now replacing the inconsistencies their car showed earlier in the season.

Vettel, starting second, eased past Webber, who was on pole at the start and never looked back.

These days he seems almost impossible to haul back in if he breaks out in front, although Red Bull were worried about the wear of his tyres at the end.

He said: "I think it was a perfect day for me. We will do our best to remain where we are."

HOCKEY

Hockey club pick up wins

THERE were victories for the mens' and ladies' 1st teams on a good weekend for Milton Keynes Hockey Club.

The men picked up their maiden win of the season in the South Hockey League Premier Division by claiming a 5-3 away win over Sevenoaks, but they had to do it the hard way as they fell behind on three occasions to the former National League side.

Sevenoaks first went in front after they converted a penalty corner, but Brett Holland restored parity for MK when he deflected home another deflected effort from Frazer McColl.

Milton Keynes then enjoyed the majority of possession but against the run of play they slipped behind again after the ball had rolled behind keeper Nick Gage.

It was all square at the break after Holland scored his second of the match, but a Sevenoaks penalty stroke put the hosts back in front again.

The visitors kept rallying and Rich Townsend levelled again after the ball had fallen loose following a penalty corner, which Sevenoaks struggled to defend throughout the match.

This weakness was further exploited when Jamie Dodd bagged two more for MK after two more penalty corners.

There were also victories for the Mens' 2nds, who picked up a fine victory by beating OMT 4-1, and the 4ths beat Gerrards Cross 2nds 3-0.

A hat-trick from Sophie Reynolds was enough to give the Ladies 1sts their victory, as they saw off Sonning 3-0 in the South Clubs' Women's Hockey league.

Her first goal came after a reverse stick strike and the second was scored from the top of the D following Gemma Meredith's cross.

Reynolds then linked up with sister Lou before firing home her third from the penalty spot.

Despite the hat-trick heroics, player of the match went to Laura Pellington-Woodrow who made some fine saves to ensure a clean sheet.

The victory means the ladies have moved up to third in the table in their first season at this level since promotion last time out.

Elsewhere, the 2nds lost 3-1 to Newbury and Thatcham but there was a victory for the 3rds who defeated Witney 2-1.

ICE HOCKEY

A win and a defeat for Lightning

MK LIGHTNING won one and lost one in this weekend's Elite Ice Hockey League/Cup double header against local rivals Peterborough Phantoms.

Nick Poole's side beat their near neighbours 4-1 at Planet Ice on Saturday night, but went down 5-2 in Peterborough on Sunday.

Birthday boy Chris Wiggins grabbed the opener in the home victory, and Adam Carr doubled the advantage following an assist from Nicky Chinn.

Poole got himself on the score sheet before Lewis Hook pulled one back for Peterborough.

It wasn't to be for the Phantoms though as Leigh Jaimieson added a fourth for Lightning after assists from Adam Calder and Michael Farn.

Lightning, who were hoping to avenge the pre-season 'Ashes' defeats to the Phantoms, suffered a poor start in the away leg as they slipped 2-0 behind.

To make matters worse, goal-machine Calder received a game ban for high sticks.

Lucas Zatopek blasted one back for MK from the blue line but Lightning conceded again before Grant McPherson's goal brought the game back to 3-2.

That was as good as it got for Milton Keynes though, who let in another two goals to end up on the losing side.

Next weekend Lightning host Telford Tigers on Saturday before travelling to Manchester Phoenix on Sunday.

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Staying put: Ryan Lowe is not going to Tranmere but Dons have two transfer targets

Two targets on hit list

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KARL Robinson is running the rule over two potential transfer targets as he continues his hunt for a new striker.

The Dons boss revealed last week that adding another attacking player to his squad is a top priority and the search appears to have been narrowed to the duo.

Robinson has remained tight-lipped about the identity of the players but if anybody comes in he will hope they will have an instant impact as Dons' chances to goals ratio remains very much at the top of the agenda.

He said: "It's hard to find strikers who are in a certain financial bracket but we're searching hard and we'll try to do a deal. We need to turn chances into goals."

Meanwhile, Robinson has described Tranmere boss Ronnie Moore as 'deluded' after the Rovers manager claimed he was close to loaning current Dons striker Ryan Lowe.

Surprise League One leaders Tranmere opened up a seven point gap at the top of the table on Saturday thanks to a 3-2 victory over Yeovil, and Moore made his comments following the match.

He said: "We thought we had Ryan Lowe signed on Friday.

"It was on, then it was off, then it was on, then it was off again."

Robinson denied having ever spoken to Moore about Lowe, *pictured*, and seemed as surprised as anyone following the comments.

When told by MK SPORT that Moore had claimed what he had, Robinson said: "So I understand. What did he say? I've not spoken to Ronnie Moore."

Fifty-nine-year-old Moore watched Dons' televised goalless draw with Preston on Sunday as he was working as a pundit for broadcasters Sky Sports.

During his analysis he described Dons as having a 'good budget' - a comment that likely annoyed his Dons counterpart.

It's possible that contact was made between Tranmere and Lowe's agent, but Robinson said that he certainly wouldn't allow one of his players to join a promotion rival.

"Ronnie also said that we're loaded and spending millions, so maybe he's deluded as well," the manager said.

"If I get someone in then there's a possibility (he could go), but he's definitely not going to a club who are top of the league."

Elsewhere, 20-year-old centre back Tom Flanagan, who is on-loan at Gillingham until January, looks likely to stay at the League Two club for the season.

"Tom having a full season out is only going to stand the club in good stead for the future," Robinson said.

Talks on extending Scott Allan's one-month loan from West Brom are also set to be held.

Forwards will 'turn it around'

CONTINUED criticism of the Dons formation is 'stupidity' according to Karl Robinson.

The 32-year-old boss launched another passionate defence of his 4-2-3-1 system after his side failed to hit the target at Preston.

Chances were at a premium in the 0-0 draw and Robinson acknowledged that his side were not pulling the trigger after getting into strong positions.

He answered critics last week by denying that he only played one attacking player, by claiming that the front four were all forwards.

However, in the second-half at Preston he did adjust to a 4-4-2 formation, which many have been calling for, by bringing on strike pair Charlie MacDonald and Ryan Lowe to play up front together.

Both have struggled to hit form in front of goal but their manager has backed them to turn their fortunes around.

He said: "I believe they will come good as they are fantastic professionals.

"I know that they will turn it around but while they turn it around they need to be on the front foot."

Robinson said that his side had more firepower last year than the Dons team managed by now Chelsea boss Roberto Di Matteo.

"Everyone said Roberto was attacking, but we scored more goals than them," he said.

"But, now, our system is being questioned and I think it's stupidity.

"We're getting chances, but we're just not taking them when they come along."

Dons begin a tough run of games on Saturday when they host promotion rivals Stevenage, who are currently second in the table with a three point cushion over Robinson's men.

"We want to win to bring ourselves level in the points tally," Robinson said.

"Gary Smith has come in there and done a wonderful job, keeping them going from where Graham Westley left off.

"He has taken them on again and they are now playing better football, but we believe there are weaknesses in their set-up."

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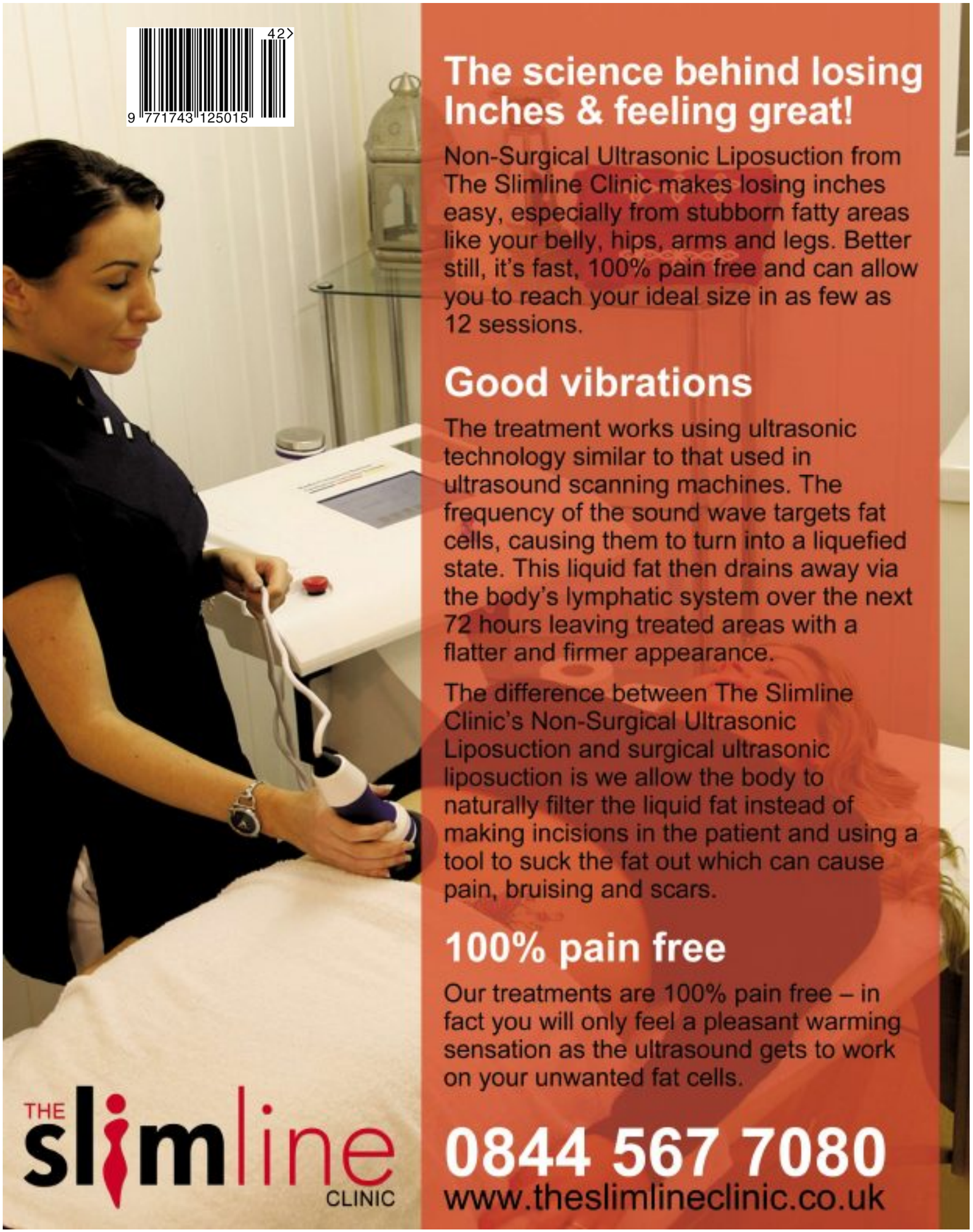

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